

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 3/6/61

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHIL BART ;
IS - C

NY 1750-S* furnished information on 2/24/61, regarding a conversation between PHIL and CONNIE BART, which took place at their residence^o at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY. Among the matters discussed by the BARTS, were the following.

The subject and his wife discussed BEN DAVIS and PHIL commented that DAVIS was scheduled to speak at a meeting in Harlem the following day and another on the day after that. PHIL commented that he will go there and count the size of the house before he decides if he will actually speak.

PHIL then mentioned BILL PATTERSON. He commented that PATTERSON fits in better in a large apparatus where he has a lot of elbow room and funds to operate with. He said that PATTERSON is now organizing a large national commission meeting and is going to Albany and Buffalo for this purpose. CONNIE then said that she is always amazed that even though PAT and LOUISE never have had any money, they always live better than the average functionary. She then asked PHIL if LOUISE's trip had done her any good and PHIL commented that he did not know.

1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
 1 - New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (415)
 1 - New York (100-84275) (BILL PATTERSON) (414)
 1 - New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (414)
 1 - New York (100-) (LOUISE PATTERSON) (414)
 1 - New York (100-93665) (MIMI FRIEDLANDER)
 1 - New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH G. FLYNN)
 ① - New York (100-56579)

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PHIL then mentioned ARNOLD JOHNSON, who he said knows nothing about "our party". He said that JOHNSON just does not understand it. CONNIE commented that BILL PATTERSON adheres more to discipline than ARNOLD. PHIL said that ARNOLD is not a Communist and that he should join the church.

PHIL then mentioned MIMI (FRIEDLANDER) and said that everyone objects to her, including ELIZABETH FLYNN, who is very vociferous.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-57557)

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN

INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHERS
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NY 1750-S* furnished information on 2/23/61, regarding a conversation between PHIL and CONNIE BART, which took place at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY. Among the matters discussed by the BARTS, were the following.

PHIL mentioned that a decision had been made over a year ago, to make a change in the organization of International Publishers. He said that there has been all kinds of stalling on this and that now GUS HALL is stalling. He said HALL claims that they should wait for JIM ALLEN to return in three weeks before they make any final decision. He said actually HALL cares as much for ALLEN's opinion as he, BART, cares for BETTY GARNETT's.

BART continued that by the time ALLEN gets back and a decision is finally arrived at, the best reason for publishing will be over. CONNIE commented that this was a shame as there was so much work to be done.

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PAT TOOHEY
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NY 1750-S* furnished information on 2/25/61, regarding a conversation between PHIL and CONNIE BART, which took place at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY. Among the matters discussed by the BARTS, were the following.

PHIL spoke of PAT TOOHEY and a meeting in New Jersey, which had been cancelled. He said that TOOHEY usually comes to these meetings and does nothing more than talk. TOOHEY keeps saying that the Party cannot afford to have a struggle and gives the idea that he is fighting for the national line. However, his real attack is on "Phil Bart" because I do not agree with all his thinking nor do I applaud everything he has to say.

He said PAT has now started a controversy again in New Jersey and when ELIZABETH (FLYNN) arrives, she will be in the middle of it. He said that JACK STACHEL told him that the Party has had a struggle with PAT since 1927, when he threatened to go home from a convention because he was not made the chairman of a session, which was not a very good political reason.

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- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH FLYNN) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-49430)

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK
FROM: SA JOHN A. HAAG (41)
SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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DATE: 3/6/61

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present at CP, USA, Headquarters, NYC, on

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TO: SAC, NEWARK (100-4284G)
FROM: SA RUSSELL H. HORNER
SUBJECT: CP, USA, NEW JERSEY DISTRICT
NEWARK DIVISION, EDUCATION
IS - C

DATE: 3/7/61

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Date received 2/9/61	Received by (name or symbol number) [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past.	Received by SAS JOHN A. HAAG and RUSSELL H. HORNER
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Remarks:

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU UNLESS IT IS CAREFULLY AND PROPERLY PARAPHRASED.

3 - New York - RM
(1 - 100-56579) PHIL BART
(1 - 100-95951)
(1 - [redacted])
8 - Newark
(1 - 100-19491)
(1 - 100-32233)
(1 - 100-35442)
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On [redacted] was overheard
in a [redacted] concerning a
discussion he had had with [redacted] BART and [redacted]
concerning [redacted] at the New Jersey COMMUNIST
PARTY (CP) school. [redacted] was infuriated over the attitude
taken by BART and [redacted] regarding the [redacted] and was
highly unappreciative of BART's efforts to purge the [redacted]
from the leadership of the New Jersey CP. [redacted]
[redacted] confessed that he saw [redacted] on
certain questions, particularly with regards to the high
bureaucracy existing within the national leadership.

[redacted] said that he would not take any line or
lead in penalizing the [redacted] for their similar views
in this regard.

[redacted] who had overheard this conversation
between [redacted] also said she felt that this
was an awful attack upon the [redacted] and that she would
oppose the National Office if they should try to take
punitive action against the [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, BUFFALO (100-

DATE: 3/7/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128814)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NY DISTRICT
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[redacted] on 3/6/61 advised that a two-day NY State
CP Committee meeting was held [redacted]

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1 - NY (100-13483)

① - NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)

1 - NY (100-129629)

1 - NY (100-79025)

1 - NY (100-95550)

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1 - NY (100-54555)

1 - NY (100-67670)

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1 - NY (100-26018)

1 - NY (100-68063)

1 - NY (100-88609)

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[redacted] New York, New York.

[redacted] on 3/2/61. advised SA [redacted] and MARTIN J. HACKETHAL that [redacted] is located at the end of a hallway on the first floor and that no other meeting rooms along this hallway were in use on [redacted]

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On [redacted] SAS JOHN F. LANGTRY and WILLIAM C. MARTIN observed the following persons walking in the hallway of [redacted] toward [redacted]

10:01 am	BETTY GANNETT
10:12 am	MILT ROSEN
10:20 am	JAMES JACKSON, PAUL ROBESON, JR. EVELYN WIENER
10:27 am	ALEX KOLKIN, JAMES TORNEY
10:29 am	WILLIAM L. PATTERSON
10:30 am	CLARA BODIAN MASSO, BILL ALBERTSON, [redacted] LENNY LEVENSON
10:31 am	ESTHER CANTOR
10:42 am	JACK STACHEL
10:45 am	AL PAULA, JUNE GORDON
10:47 am	ALEX TRACHTENBERG
10:50 am	MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER, EDITH ROSENBERG
10:51 am	LOUIS WEINSTOCK
10:56 am	CONSTANTINE RADZIE, [redacted]
10:57 am	SOPHIE NASCIMENTO
10:58 am	[redacted]
11:01 am	JESUS COLON
11:02 am	RUTH SHULMAN
11:03 am	MIKE CRENOVICH
11:04 am	EDSAL WALKER, MORT SCHEER
11:21 am	WILBUR BROMS, IDA POSNER
11:25 am	ARNOLD JOHNSON
11:28 am	[redacted]
11:36 am	MILLIE McADORY
11:41 am	PAUL SCHWARTZ
12:25 am	AGNES WILLIS, PHIL BART
12:52 am	GEORGE MORRIS
2:40 pm	BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.

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On [redacted] SAS THOMAS J. DEVINE and NEIL P.
DIVERS observed the following persons walking in the
hallway of [redacted]
toward [redacted]

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10:02 am	MILT ROSEN, MORT SCHEER, IRVING POTASH
10:08 am	BETTY GANNETT
10:19 am	CONSTANTINE RADZIE, GEORGE MORRIS
10:24 am	LOUIS WEINSTOCK
10:38 am	WILLIAM L. PATTERSON
10:42 am	CLARA MASSO
10:45 am	AL PAULA
10:46 am	EVELYN WIENER, ESTHER CANTOR
10:47 am	PAUL SCHWARTZ
10:49 am	MIMI FRIEDLANDER
10:53 am	PAUL ROBESON, JR.
10:58 am	JAMES TORMEY
11:01 am	EDSAL WALKER
11:04 am	RUTH SHULMAN, AGNES WILLES
11:07 am	MILLIE McADORY
11:10 am	JESUS COLON
11:14 am	[redacted]
11:16 am	
11:21 am	ARNOLD JOHNSON
11:24 am	LENNY LEVENSON

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (100-18953)

FROM: SA RICHARD W. HANSEN

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY OF ILLINOIS
ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 3-7-61

OO: CHICAGO

EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN REPORTING AND HANDLING
INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF
THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE.

The information on the following page was orally furnished on February 27, 1961, by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SAs CARL N. FREYMAN and RICHARD W. HANSEN. This information was reduced to writing on March 3, 1961.

③ - New York (RM)

① - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)

1 - 100-84994 (GUS HALL)

1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)

10 - Chicago

1 - A)134-46

1 - 100-3313 (JACK KLING)

1 - 100-16859 (SUE KLING)

1 - 100-2748 (SAM KUSHNER)

1 - 100- (ABE SIPERSTEIN)

1 - 100-20289 (JAMES WEST)

1 - 100-18963 (CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - FACTIONALISM)

1 - 100-17769 (CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - FUNDS)

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February 27, 1961

In late February, 1961, JACK KLING indicated that he was angry with the leadership of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois. If any proposal was made to him to leave Chicago at this time to assume full time activity on a national level for the CP, he would not do so.

It is to be noted in this regard that GUS HALL, General Secretary, CP, USA, had indicated recently that KLING was a candidate for the replacement of PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary, CP, USA.

In connection with KLING's possible assumption of full time duties within the CP of Illinois, his wife, SUE, is against his taking on another Party position. She feels that the CP in the past has mistreated KLING.

SUE KLING also feels that SAM KUSHNER may have "swiped" some money that was to have come to the Party from the will of ABE SIPERSTEIN. According to SUE KLING, SIPERSTEIN, in addition to signing over his home, had given \$2,000 to the Party. All that has been received of this money so far was \$100 by "The Worker" and \$100 by the "Morning Freiheit".

JACK KLING has also indicated that he was angered by JIM WEST's failure to invite him to a meeting of the leadership of the CP of Illinois held on February 21, 1961, at which GUS HALL had been present. Although WEST had talked to him on the morning of that date, no invitations had been extended to him to attend this meeting.

TO: SAC, NEW YORK
FROM: SA JOHN A. HAAG (41)
SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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DATE: 3/8/61

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Remarks:

[redacted] advised that the above individual was present at CP, USA, Headquarters, NYC, [redacted]

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[redacted] also advised as follows:

The place was quiet. No meetings in the State Office. [redacted] said things were very slow in the mimeographing but that they kept her very busy writing letters and articles that were done in triplicate on the typewriter.

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[redacted] was typing^N the work room of the National Office. She said she was doing some personal work.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-87211)

DATE: 3-8-61

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33728)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
FACTIONALISM
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During the period of February 23-24, 1961, the source accompanied GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), on a two-day trip to various points in the State of Wisconsin, during which time HALL turned over to the source for transmittal to MORRIS CHILDS, two documents.

One of the documents turned over was a three-page typewritten item consisting of statements of individuals identified as "A", "Shirley", and "Ted" which had been apparently made to and submitted by one "Bill".

21 - New York (Encls. 4) (RM)

- ① - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
- 1 - 105-24891 (JAKE ROSEN)
- 1 - 100-111666 (JACK SHULMAN)
- 1 - 100-67234 (RUTH SHULMAN)
- 1 - 100- (FNU ARBAV)
- 1 - 100- (BILL LNU)
- 1 - 100- (CAROLE LNU)
- 1 - 100- (GRACE LNU)
- 1 - 100- (JEAN LNU)
- 1 - 100- (JESSE LNU, male from Brooklyn)
- 1 - 100- (JOHN LNU)
- 1 - 100- (MARV LNU)
- 1 - 100- (SHELLEY LNU, receptionist, New York Office, CP)
- 1 - 100- (TED LNU)
- 1 - 100-86624 (CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
- 1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
- 1 - 100-80644 (CP, USA - YOUTH MATTERS)
- 1 - 100-137834 (NALC)
- 1 - 100- (NEW HORIZONS)

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- 1 - A)134-46
- 1 - 100-3470 (MORRIS CHILDS)

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The second document was a single page typewritten item which appears to be a statement of "Ted" prepared by "Jean".

When these items were turned over to the source, HALL's only comment was that they should be looked into and checked out with Cuba.

The source has reviewed this material and was only able to provide the following possible identification of persons referred to in these documents:

JACK as JACK SHULMAN
RUTH as RUTH SHULMAN
PHIL as PHIL BART
JAKE as JAKE ROSEN
SHELLEY as the receptionist, New York Office, CP

The source believes that the matter referred to in these two documents deals with a youth congress held in Cuba during the spring of 1960.

The source feels that in regard to the above two items, additional information will be forthcoming in the future from GUS HALL.

The verbatim copies of these two items are being set forth below:

Document Number 1

"The following is a summary of statements made to me by:

"A

"All I knew was that Jack represented the Worker. He had a letter from them. Ted also represented The Worker. Grace was very much disturbed by Jack's insistence that he get certain interviews and write certain stories, rather than Ted.

"Jack offered to get me a credential as Mary Jones. I did not receive it since Aybav got me one under my own name and as NALC. Carole, Bill, Ruth and Shelley could not get in because they had no credentials. They asked me for the Mary Jones one and I gave it to Shelley.

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"My impression was that Jack was sent by The Worker.

"Aybav, whom I met in New York, had invited me to go down there. Young Jesse from Brooklyn told me he was C.P. He arranged a place for me to stay - with a local family - very unsatisfactory. He took me to the July 26 office and introduced me to a group of American youth. There were 5 local youth there also. He asked me to talk to them about the NALC. I did. Next day there was a similar meeting there. The Americans took over the meeting and talked about the South. I told them they were exaggerating and not telling the truth about the South.

"Aybav had brought the Americans there. I saw Marv later. He asked me why I was with the Trotskyites. I was shocked. I confronted Aybav with this. His answer, 'They are good kids,' and brushed it off.

"'John', a local person, worked with the Trotskyites, trying to get them credentials, etc. Aybav and 'John' are friends.

"Some time later I met Jake on a trip to Washington. He told me that Aybav was one of our best Communist contacts down there.

"Shelley

"I got the impression that Jack and Ruth had all the contacts. They seemed to know things. They were in the Congress. I could not get in with my letter from New Horizons. Later I heard my name called out as one who could go in. I did not know how it was done till Ruth said, 'We got you in.'

"Jack seemed to have contact with everybody, running around, seeing people, was seen with people, etc. I felt they were representing the Party. They never said so.

"I made a complaint about some youth question to Ruth. She said, 'Get Jack to talk to Marv about it.' Whenever we youth would confront some problem, a suggestion would be made, 'See Ruth or Jack.' Some did. Perhaps this was because they were adults.

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"As I was leaving, both Carole and Grace asked me for my credential to go on the trip after the Congress. I promised it to Grace but gave it to Carol because Ruth said, 'Give it to Carol because Grace has done nothing for the Party for a long time.'

"Aybav got the Mary Jones credential for A. But she got her own. She gave me the Mary Jones one. Bill and Carole had asked her for the Mary Jones credential. Jake and Jack and Ruth said to give it to Bill and Carole.

"Jack and Ruth were guests at the youth dinner; the only ones there. They could move around at will. They were on the podium with the Latin American youth delegates at the 'confiscation' meeting.

"Ted

"Jack is a 'pusher'. His actions there exceeded ordinary propriety. He went inland against all advice. He got sick and almost died. He had a regular delegate's card and therefore ate free (the only adults).

"When Aybav came here in 1947-48, it was as a member. Now he talked as one. I met him there at the local newspaper office.

"Jake was arrested there. After Jack told me he was O.K., I arranged to get him released. He had called me from jail. The charge had something to do with being with some bad elements who were photographing a railroad station.

"Bill"

Document Number 2

"Ted

"I spoke to Grace last night and my memory was refreshed as follows: The local responsible person came to me and told me that Jack and Ruth had asked for delegates' cards to the Congress. He wanted to know who they really were. I told him that she worked in the office and was county secretary,

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that he was Foster's chauffeur and personal secretary and that they were O.K. On this basis I arranged for them to get delegates' cards. This made it possible for them to be the only foreign adults at all events of this youth congress. I now recall that Grace and I just could not understand why they wanted to intrude themselves as delegates, eating free with the rest of the delegates, etc. and being the only adults with that kind of privilege. I did not say anything to the local person about my feelings, but just answered his question.

"Inasmuch as I was given this to type, I could add that the first summer they went there, they managed to wheedle an introduction from the office on Party stationary. To the best of my recollection Phil signed it.

"Jean"

These documents were photostated by the Chicago Office and the originals returned to the source on March 1, 1961. Two sets of these items are being furnished herewith for the New York Office. One copy has been retained by Chicago and will be found as an exhibit in Chicago file 100-33728-

Copies are being designated to the New York Office to Unsub files of all persons referred to above in belief that New York will be able to make additional identification of such persons.

SAC, SAN JUAN (100-20)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-6562)

CP OF PUERTO RICO
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By airtel, 2/13/61, under the caption, "SOLO; IS-C," the Bureau was advised by the NYO that the CPUSA had received from a Soviet source \$7,000 which was to be given to the Puerto Rican CP "for expenses."

According to GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, in whose possession the aforesaid \$7,000 intended for the Puerto Rican CP was last known to be, HALL intended to give the \$7,000 to Chicago CP functionary MORRIS CHILDS for transmittal to the Puerto Rican CP. HALL indicated that in the past the CPUSA would give such money intended for the Puerto Rican CP to PHIL BART, CPUSA Organizational Secretary, who in turn would give it to JESUS COLON. COLON, through channels of his own, would transmit the money to the Puerto Rican CP.

HALL stated, however, that he did not trust BART and COLON, and that he would not entrust the aforesaid \$7,000 to them for transmittal to the Puerto Rican CP.

By airtel 2/23/61, the NYO requested that the Chicago Office, through CG 5824-S, ascertain whether MORRIS CHILDS had received the aforesaid \$7,000 from HALL, and, if so, how CHILDS planned to deliver the said sum of money to the Puerto Rican CP. By airtel 3/1/61, the Chicago Office advised that, according to CG 5824-S, although HALL and CHILDS had been together in the Mid-West during the period 2/19-25/61, HALL at no time mentioned to CHILDS the \$7,000 intended for the Puerto Rican CP.

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1-NY 100-84994 (GUS HALL) (415)
1-NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY 101-559 (JESUS COLON) (415)
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At the present time, therefore, it is not known whether HALL still intends to transmit the \$7,000 to the Puerto Rican CP, nor is it known through what channels HALL would send the said money to the Puerto Rican CP. NY 694-S, who received the money from the Soviet source, has expressed the opinion that HALL, if he sends the money at all to the Puerto Rican CP, will send it in small amounts over an extended period of time.

The NYO has recorded the serial numbers on the \$7,000 (in ten dollar bills) intended for the use of the Puerto Rican CP.

Extreme caution should be exercised with respect to dissemination of information contained herein since, by its nature, it tends to identify NY 694-S and CG 5824-S, two valuable informants, as the source thereof. Reference to this money obtained from a Soviet source should not be included, even in paraphrased form, in the investigative section of a report.

The above has been furnished for the information of the San Juan Office.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56579)
FROM :
SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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DATE: MAR. 9 1961

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NY 694-S* advised on 2/1/61, that the National and New York State Offices of the Communist Party; the Editorial and Office Staff of "The Worker," an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper, currently occupy the premises at 23 W. 26th St., NYC.

The above captioned subject was observed at 23 W. 26th St., as indicated below:

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-1595)

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
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(OO: NY)

On 2/14/61, NY 2318-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL BART told ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN that GENE DENNIS' bail money which had been put up by LYDIA (MINOR) was being handled. FLYNN said that LYDIA had also put up money for JOHN GATES and wanted it back a few years ago, but they persuaded her against it since it could have jeopardized DENNIS' bail fund. She said that LYDIA would make a substantial contribution to the paper when she gets the money. BART then told FLYNN that her trip to Connecticut scheduled for 2/25/61, had been canceled, but she should go to Boston for both 2/25 and 26/61.

On 2/15/61, NY 2318-S* advised that BOB THOMPSON told FLYNN that he lost his job again because "they" keep calling up his employer to confirm that the former head of the NY CP is working there and that finishes him. They agreed to get together soon.

On 2/16/61, NY 2318-S* advised that MORRIS CHILDS contacted FLYNN from Chicago to discuss JIM JACKSON's article. Both agreed that JACKSON should have talked over the matter before writing such an article and CHILDS said that JACKSON was

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1-New York (100-93611) (LYDIA MINOR) (414)
1-New York (100-74560) (CPUSA - FONDS) (415)
1-New York (100-17923) (JOHN GATES) (415)
1-New York (100-27452) (BOB THOMPSON) (415)
1-New York (100-16785) (JIM JACKSON) (415)
1-New York (100-34665) (LENA SCHERER) (422)
1-New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (415)
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worried over the whole thing. FLYNN said no one should be allowed to write articles on basic principles, policies, or tastes without submitting it to the Party and that JACKSON's article has created a furor within Party ranks.

LENA SCHERER and FLYNN made arrangements for FLYNN to address LENA's "group" on 3/9/61. They also discussed publicity on BEN DAVIS at the UN rioting. FLYNN said that several of them had been told to stayaway, but apparently this did not hold for DAVIS.

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CARL WINTER
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Due to the sensitive nature of the source, care should be utilized in disseminating this information.

DE 604-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 20, 1961, that CARL WINTER informed PHIL (PHIL BART, New York) that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN had left Detroit on the morning train and would arrive in New York at 9:00 p.m. WINTER requested that PHIL meet her when she arrived.

WINTER asked PHIL if HY (HYMAN LUMER) had said anything to PHIL about WINTER's covering the affair at Iowa City. PHIL was under the impression that HY had discussed this matter with WINTER. WINTER noted that HY had contacted him but he did not know about the arrangements and in order for him to be in Iowa City, he would have to leave on Wednesday to be there on Thursday. WINTER said that he did not know where to stay or any of the arrangements. PHIL said that he would have HY write WINTER about this matter. ✓

It is noted that this information was previously furnished to the Omaha Office by airtel.

- 1 - 100-12287 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
- 1 - 100-8482 (TOMMY DENNIS)
- 3 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-56579, PHIL BART)
 - (1 - 100-1696, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
 - (1 - 100-105078, HYMAN LUMER)

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WINTER indicated that TOMMY (TOMMY DENNIS) had written PHIL a letter concerning the unemployment leaflets. WINTER also mentioned the March 5, special, ~~(supplement)~~ *supplement* of "The Worker") and said that "we" (Michigan) would take 5,000 copies of this as of now and would possibly take more later.

RECOMMENDATION:

No further action necessary.

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1 - IP 100-8588 [redacted]
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1 - 100-8300 (CP Publications)
1 - 100-8557 [redacted]
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On [redacted]
of the Communist Party in Indiana, and his [redacted]
drove from their home southeast of [redacted] Michigan, to
Chicago, Illinois. Upon arrival in Chicago, [redacted] called
[redacted] of the Indiana CP. [redacted] asked
[redacted] if he could meet with him for a short time at his
home before another meeting, which was scheduled later
on for that day. [redacted] said that he was busy at the time
and that he would meet [redacted] at the meeting. [redacted]
and his wife then proceeded to [redacted] Chicago,
where the meeting was to be held. [redacted] then
held the following discussion:

[redacted] about a recent meeting of the
National Committee of the CP-USA, which he had attended
in New York City on [redacted] said that Phil Bart,
National Organizational Secretary of the CP, had jumped him
the first day of the National Committee Meeting pointing
out that the dues for Indiana had not been paid. [redacted]
had told Bart that the dues were paid and that they had
been mailed in. [redacted] felt that the dues should have been
in Bart's hands by this time. [redacted] that the
next day Bart came to him stating that the CP dues for
Indiana were paid through 12/31/60, and showed him the

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letter that [] had sent into the National Office in connection with this. Bart expressed his appreciation to the fact that the dues were all paid and also told [] that the National Office was very pleased with the letter that [] had sent to [] of "The Worker." Bart pointed out that this was a new method suggested by [] of obtaining subs and it appeared that it was going to be very successful. [] said that he had not agreed with the action of [] in printing portions of [] but that it was done now and that it could not be undone. It will be noted that the letter mentioned by [] which had been sent to [] by [] was printed in the [] of "The Worker."

[] discussed "The Worker" sub drive for Indiana. [] said that the National Office of "The Worker" had criticized Illinois for their failure to meet their sub quota, pointing out that Indiana had far exceeded their quota. [] praised [] stating that the sub quota had been exceeded by a goodly number and urged [] to keep up the good work. He said "things may happen" in regard to the sub drive. The possibility exists that [] was referring to the fact that "The Worker" is running a contest to see who could obtain the most subs and that the first prize is a trip to the Soviet Union.

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[redacted] then discussed the steel situation in Gary, Indiana. During the discussion between [redacted] and [redacted] a member of the Indiana State Committee of the CP, had come to the meeting. She had told [redacted] that her [redacted] a Gary CP member, had received a thirty-day suspension from his job at one of the Gary Steel Mills. [redacted] had gone to work and finding pickets at the gates at the steel plant had gone on home, since he would not cross a picket line. [redacted] and about 25 others had been given suspensions. Seven of the employees had been fired outright.

Later [redacted] urged [redacted] to keep his finger on the situation, pointing out that [redacted] was an individualist and that he might start trying to take some action by himself. [redacted] felt that the possibility existed that [redacted] might try to organize some kind of a shut down in the mill and that if he was caught, he would probably be fired. The 30-day suspension was only a penalty and he would get his job back at the end of the 30 days. [redacted] pointed out that often Party members had go along with the labor leaders when something like this happened and by going along with them sometimes it would be possible to get the sentence reduced. [redacted] continued that [redacted] and some of the others in steel who were close to the Party would then have to

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go along with a plan to reduce the sentence of [] and others and that the Party must recognize their positions and cooperate with them. [] felt that if [] was let go by himself, he would probably get in trouble and eventually get fired.

[] promised that he would try to get up early on 1/30 or 1/31/61, and catch [] before he left home.

[] said that there was going to be a meeting of the National Labor Commission of the Communist Party in New York City on [] said that the National Labor Commission meeting was brought about in part by his insistence that such a meeting be held. He said that the National Chairman of the Labor Commission had moved so slowly that [] of Michigan, was also interested in calling such a meeting.

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[] said that he wanted to get together with [] in the near future to go over the situation in Indiana so that he could get a line on the labor situation for the National Labor Commission meeting. He asked [] to put down some thoughts on this so that he could go over it and get some ideas.

[] mentioned the next meeting of the National Auto Commission of the CP, scheduled for [] in Chicago.

[] pointed out that since he was not working days, it is difficult for him to see [] any other time except in the evenings. He pointed out that he would contact [] for

sure on [] when he was in Chicago.

[] said that he had a meeting of the Steel Workers in Gary, scheduled for [] the meeting to be held at the home of [] promised that he would try to make this meeting.

[] discussed making another organizational trip throughout the State of Indiana on behalf of the CP over the weekend of [] Nothing definite was decided.

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At this time the above mentioned meeting started and [] concluded their discussion.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, CHICAGO

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-1696)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
IS-C; ISA-50
(OO: NY)

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DATE: 3/10/61

On 2/7/61, NY 2318-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and BETTY GANNETT discussed plans for the funeral of ROSE BARON. FLYNN said that IRVING POTASH, JACK STACHEL and CLARENCE HATHAWAY would be there and that she intended to ask HATHAWAY to say a few words. FLYNN then went on to say that several things were disturbing her, one of which was a report the previous day by PHIL BART, which to her showed mental confusion on the part of BART and the other thing was an altercation between BEN DAVIS and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, during which very hot words were exchanged. GANNETT said she had seen SID STEIN and BILL LAWRENCE at ROSE BARON's wake the previous day. Both agreed that PEGGY DENNIS should be afforded a job on the paper when she returns from California.

On 2/8/61, NY 2318-S* advised that FLYNN told LENA SCHERER that ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, ART SHIELDS and herself were speakers at ROSE BARON's funeral earlier that day. They discussed the possibility of FLYNN addressing

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1-New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
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1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (415)
1-New York (100-50090) (SID STEIN) ()
1-New York (100-467) (BILL LAWRENCE) (414)
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1-New York (100-5700) (ART SHIELDS) (425)
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LENA's group and a tentative date was made for either March 6 or 9, 1961.

FLYNN and BETTY GANNETT discussed tentative arrangements for future speaking engagements of ELIZABETH's noting that she is scheduled to address a group in Newark on March 5, 1961, and that she possibly would go to Philadelphia on March 10, 1961. FLYNN mentioned that [redacted] wants her to review a book he has written and described [redacted] as being too far to the left. She told him that she has heard of his book and is opposed to it since she thinks this is a bad time for the book to be published.

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On 2/9/61, NY 2318-S* advised that [redacted] and FLYNN discussed his new book and FLYNN told him that she does not feel that this is the proper time for the publication of such a book. She said that "our friends across" (Russians) are very adverse to people saying that they had visited over there and believes that such a book may cause a disturbance. FLYNN told him that in her opinion the publication should be delayed until the international situation becomes more stable.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/10/61

TO : SAC, DETROIT

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-1696)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
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(OO: NY)

On 2/20/61, NY 2318-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN told PHIL BART that some 250 people heard her speak (at Detroit) and that \$500.00 had been collected. She said they lost the hall at the last minute and had to settle for a smaller one. FLYNN said a lot of young people attended and that afterwards there had been a special meeting at CARL's (WINTER) house. She said a lot of people were asking about BEN's (DAVIS) role at the UN, but that she told them she had no information on his activities. Both FLYNN and BART agreed that DAVIS should not have gotten involved with FLYNN, commenting that they should not associate with the Nationalists because they are too unpredictable like the Puerto Rican Nationalists. Concerning HY LUMER's going to jail, FLYNN thought a special appeal should be made for him in view of his wife's illness. ✓

2-Detroit (100-13420) (CARL WINTER) (RM)
(1-100-) (CPUSA - ORGANIZATION)

2-Newark (100-) (PAT TOOHEY) (RM)
(1-100-) (CPUSA - ORGANIZATION)

①-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)

1-New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (415)

1-New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)

1-New York (100-136953) (EDITH LUMER) (421)

1-New York (100-15828) (JOE BRANDT)

1-New York (100-2545) (VALB) (41)

1-New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (415)

1-New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)

1-New York (100-129802) (CPUSA - COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM) (41)

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On the same date, NY 2318-S* further reported that JOE BRANDT called FLYNN to remind her of her speaking engagement Friday night (before VALB). They discussed the recent Supreme Court decision against HY LUMER with FLYNN commenting that "they" were going to get rough with "us" all along the line because "we" are always used as a "whipping post."

On 2/22/61, NY 2318-S* advised that FLYNN told BETTY GANNETT of her visit to Detroit. She said the demonstrations at the UN hurt "us" and that the Detroit police and Ukrainian groups were all against "them" because of the demonstrations. FLYNN says the situation is fraught with danger and feels it should be brought up at the next NEC meeting. FLYNN then complained of ARNOLD JOHNSON going on three weeks vacation, saying she never would have backed him if she knew he intended to do that. She suggested that CARL WINTER be brought in to handle CP defense work. GANNETT told FLYNN that the young people are waiting to hear her on March 4th. FLYNN said that her plans to speak on March 5th may be changed because PAT TOOHEY wants her to speak at a house party, but that she would rather speak to New Jersey Party members about the 81st Congress. GANNETT agreed that the situation in New Jersey is a real mess and that a real "live wire" is needed over there.

HY LUMER discussed his case with FLYNN. He said there is no real urgency for help since both the "DA" and the Marshal stated they would take no action until after his petition is heard which may not be for three or four weeks. HY said his wife is feeling better, but in view of her health, he may ask the court for special consideration. They also discussed possibility of CARL WINTER coming to New York to handle Defense Work.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-427536) DATE: 3/15/61
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-133884)
SUBJECT: CP, USA
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS
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ReBulets, 2/6/59, 7/2/59, and 12/30/59.

The following is being set forth relative to the National Committee (NC) members of the Communist Party (CP) in the New York City area.

It should be noted that portions of the information set forth below have been furnished by highly placed informants and sources and extreme caution should be exercised in the dissemination of any of this material to insure the protection of these sources:

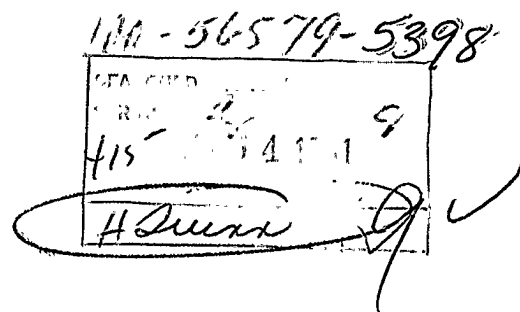
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1 - New York (100-23825) (BENJAMIN DAVIS) (415)
1 - New York (100-79025) (MILDRED MC ADOREY EDELMAN) (415)
1 - New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH G. FLYNN) (415)
1 - New York (100-93665) (MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER) (421)
1 - New York (100-13473) (SIMON W. GERSON) (415)
1 - New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
1 - New York (100-5106) (CLARENCE HATHAWAY) (414)
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ALBERTSON, WILLIAM

ALBERTSON is a member of the NC, representing the NY District. At a meeting of the NY District CP Board, 2/2/61, ALBERTSON was elected Chairman of the Youth Commission by a vote of six in favor, five opposed. In addition, ALBERTSON holds the position of Chairman of the Food Club of the Industrial Division of the NY State CP.

APTHEKER, HERBERT

APTHEKER is an at large member of the NC. In addition, he has been made Director of the NY School for Marxist Studies, 853 Broadway, NYC. He continues to be concerned with the publication of "Political Affairs". GUS HALL recently mentioned that it appears that APTHEKER was using his position on "Political Affairs" for his own advancement, and that the material of others that he was putting in that publication was very sloppy. HALL also placed the responsibility for the delayed publication of "Political Affairs" on APTHEKER. In view of this, HALL stated that he is considering replacing APTHEKER with JAMES ALLEN on the staff of this publication.

At the February meeting of the NY District CP Board, APTHEKER was elected a member of the Youth Commission of the NY CP District and named to the Special Organizational Commission of the District.

AUERBACH, SOLOMON

AUERBACH is an at large member of the NC who is commonly known as JAMES ALLEN.

ALLEN is currently on an extended trip abroad. It is noted that GUS HALL has expressed a question as to the manner in which ALLEN has been able to afford to

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travel extensively, not only to the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary, but to countries outside the Soviet bloc. HALL has indicated that ALLEN would have to take care of his own expenditures in countries outside the Soviet bloc, and "wondered" how he could afford this.

BART, PHILIP

BART is an at large member of the NC and continues to hold the title of National Organization Secretary. BART is reportedly a member of the Latin-American Commission and Special Organizational Commission of the NY CP District. In addition, he has been assigned, together with JACK STACHEL and BETTY GANNETT to the task of arranging for a skeleton underground operation. He continues to be most active in the day to day operation of the CP, USA National Office.

BERT, ERIK

BERT is an at large member of the NC and continues to function as Managing Editor of "The Worker".

During February, 1961, the source advised that BERT has been invited to attend a meeting in Leipzig, Germany, on 3/20 and 21/61. According to this source, BERT will probably proceed to Moscow following the conclusion of the Leipzig meeting. The source further reported that it has been indicated that BERT's wife will accompany him.

COLON, JESUS

COLON is an at large member of the NC and continues to write a regular weekly column for "The Worker". In addition, from time to time COLON instructs classes at the NY School of Marxist Study.

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CRENOVICH, MICHAEL, AARON

CRENOVICH is a member of the NC, representing the NY District. He reportedly is a member of the Latin-American Commission of the NY CP District. CRENOVICH attends meetings of the NY District CP Board and is active in the Industrial Division of the CP.

DAVIS, BENJAMIN J., JR.

DAVIS is an at large member of the NC and holds the position of CP, USA National Secretary. Recently PHILIP BART has been critical of DAVIS, stating that DAVIS only comes to the National Office twice a week, on Wednesday for the Secretariat meeting and on Thursdays to get his pay.

During the afternoon of 2/15/61, DAVIS appeared in a picket line demonstration outside the UN protesting LUMUMBA's death. DAVIS was interviewed by the press and was led from the demonstration by the police. In discussing this incident, DAVIS said that he had appeared in the picket line, which line he mistakenly believed to be of some "progressive forces", but in reality was composed of Negro nationalists from Harlem. DAVIS received considerable notoriety as a result of this incident and in some quarters was criticised for his participation with these Negro nationalists.

EDELMAN, MILDRED MC ADOREY

EDELMAN is an at large member of the NC and member of Harlem Regional Committee of the CP. At a meeting of the NY District CP Board held 2/2/61, she was proposed as a member of the Negro Commission of the NY District. In addition, there was a question as to whether EDELMAN or PAUL ROBESON, JR., would be made a member of the Youth Commission of the District. CLARENCE HATHAWAY has indicated a preference for EDELMAN.

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FLYNN, ELIZABETH GURLEY

FLYNN is an at large member of the NC and holds the title of Vice-Chairman of the CP, USA. It is noted that at a meeting of the NEC held 3/9/61, a recommendation was posed that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN be named National Chairman. The NEC members approved and it was indicated that this recommendation was to be submitted to NC members not present, recommending response by 3/13/61.

FLYNN gave the principle address at a mid-west meeting celebrating the 37th anniversary of "The Worker" held on 1/27/61. She described her eight month trip through the Socialist countries in Europe stating she had visited five countries. FLYNN was poetic in her description of the new cities which had been built since Communism took over. In her conclusion, FLYNN said she hoped everyone present would join her in the fight to convert this country to Communism.

On 3/3/61, FLYNN was one of the speakers at a rally held in Carnegie Hall to celebrate the 37th anniversary of "The Worker", as well as the 80th birthday of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.

FLYNN is scheduled to be a main speaker at a similar celebration to be held 3/10/61, in Philadelphia. On 3/11/61, she will attend a meeting in lower Bucks County. In addition, she has made plans to attend a meeting in New Jersey on 3/12/61.

FLYNN recently has indicated that she has nothing but contempt for ARNOLD JOHNSON and indicated it is her belief that he has "wrecked the peace movement". FLYNN has stated that JOHNSON should be put someplace where he can't do the party any harm.

FLYNN has also been critical of MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER, stating FRIEDLANDER has been a failure in previous jobs she has been given and would not like to see her get the "defense assignment".

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Recently FLYNN has commented on MIMI FRIEDLANDER's abilities to do a defense job. FLYNN stated that FRIEDLANDER has been a failure in every job the party has given her.

FRIEDLANDER, MIRIAM

FRIEDLANDER is a member of the NC, representing the NY District and continues to hold the title of Bronx County Organizer. FRIEDLANDER regularly attends meetings of the NY District CP Board. She was recently criticized for going to the Civil Liberties Union and the Emergency Defense Committee and telling them that she was now in charge of "The defense job", even before she had been given this assignment. Prior to this, ARNOLD JOHNSON had contacted these organizations for many years and there was suspicion by the personnel of these organizations of FRIEDLANDER.

It is noted under the write-up of FLYNN, FRIEDLANDER has been criticized as a failure in previous jobs she has been given. It would appear there is some serious doubt as to whether she will be given the defense assignment.

GERSON, SIMON

GERSON is an at large member of the NC. He reportedly has been made a member of the Political Action and Legislative Commission of the NY CP District. GERSON continues to be active in his employment with Afton Tours.

HALL, GUS

HALL is an at large member of the NC and holds the title of General Secretary of the CP, USA. HALL continues to be most active in all phases of CP activity on a national level. Recently HALL indicated that if he is to be "Boss", he must also control all Party funds. HALL said that he realizes that he can have collective leadership, but can't, as the leader of the Party, be

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friends with everyone. He, however, is of the opinion that all individuals in the national leadership of the CP, USA, with the exception of BEN DAVIS, are on his side.

HATHAWAY, CLARENCE

HATHAWAY is an at large member of the NC and Chairman of the NY CP District. He was hospitalized from 2/17/61 to 3/4/61, as a result of an asthmatic attack. He is currently recuperating at home.

In addition to previous assignments reported, he is a member of the Peace Commission, the Trade Union Commission and the Political Action and Legislation Commission of the NY CP District.

JACKSON, JAMES E.

JACKSON is an at large member of the NC and holds the title of National Secretary for the South. In addition, he holds the position of Editor of "The Worker".

JACKSON recently has been involved in the organization of the various celebrations for the 37th anniversary of "The Worker".

The "New York Times", on 2/12/61, reportedly carried an article dealing with an article of JAMES JACKSON which appeared in the February, 1961, issue of "World Marxist Review" on the topic of the US and the world crisis. The "New York Times" article appeared under the title, "US Red Favors Shift in Marxism". In this "New York Times" article, it was pointed out that there appeared in the February issue of the "World Marxist Review", three articles, one by JACKSON, one by NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV and one by GHEORGHE GHEORGHIU-dej, First Secretary of the Rumanian Workers Party. As a result of this "New York

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Times" article, quite a furor has been caused in the ranks of the CP, USA. At a CP meeting recently held in Brooklyn, NY, a number of questions on this article were directed to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN. FLYNN, at this time, indicated she had no comment and would have none until she read the entire article in the "World Marxist Review". FLYNN has indicated that she feels that the two paragraphs quoted by the "New York Times" as contained in JACKSON's article in the "World Marxist Review" are quite disturbing and amazing. JACKSON, in early February, 1961, has admitted that his statements could be misconstrued; that in translating this article there were some slight mistranslations and a phrase was left out. However, JACKSON felt that even with this phrase in it would not make much difference, perhaps it would not seem as bad as it was. JACKSON has been advised to send a note of correction to "World Marxist Review". It is felt that this article might be used by JACKSON's enemies in the CP, such as BEN DAVIS, to cause him embarrassment.

JOHNSON, ARNOLD

JOHNSON is an at large member of the NC and is reportedly a member of the Peace Commission of the NY CP District.

JOHNSON was in attendance at the last meeting of the NC held 1/20 - 22/61, at which he gave a report which dealt with civil liberties and the necessity of working for peace.

LUMER, HYMAN

LUMER is an at large member of the NC and holds the title of National Education Secretary.

On 2/20/61; the US Supreme Court denied certiorari in LUMER's case under the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947. On 2/22/61, LUMER stated that he will have at

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least another 30 nights before going back to jail. He indicated that he is trying to get an extension because of his wife's illness. LUMER said that he has gotten some type of statement from the Government to the effect that they would not move in immediately for enforcement.

O'DELL, HUNTER PITTS

O'DELL is a member of the NC representing the South. He was elected at the National Convention under the name CORNELIUS JAMES. O'DELL was in attendance on 2/17 and 18/61, at a Workshop on Race Bias in Trade Unions and Government conducted by the "Negro American Labor Council in Washington, D.C. Approximately 1,500 people were in attendance at this function.

O'DELL continues to avoid going to CP headquarters and has not taken part in any open CP activity. He is working on behalf of MARTIN LUTHER KING at 312 W. 125th St., NYC. This is the address of the Committee to Defend Martin Luther King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which conference is headed by MARTIN LUTHER KING.

PATTERSON, WILLIAM L.

PATTERSON is an at large member of the NC and holds a position of Vice-Chairman of the NY District. In addition, he is a member of the Special Organizational Commission and the Negro Commission of the NY CP District and a member of the National Negro Commission of the CP, USA. He regularly attends meetings of the National Leadership as well as meetings of the NY District CP Board.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN has commented that recently PATTERSON had written a resolution on the Negro question which was so amateurish and stupid that everyone rejected it.

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POTASH, IRGING

POTASH is an at large member of the NC and holds a position of Labor Secretary of the CP, USA. He continues to attend secretariat meetings and recently outlined a program dealing with the current unemployment problem. In this program, POTASH called for the following:

1 - An all-out national crusade for a 30 hour week with 40 hours pay.

2 - A uniform federal system of unemployment compensation covering all workers.

POTASH's status with INS remains unchanged. He continues under order of supervision awaiting deportation.

ROBESON, PAUL JR.

ROBESON is a member of the NC representing the NY District. ROBESON attends meetings of the Harlem CP Regional Committee and it was recently indicated that ROBESON will be the organizer of the Lower 13th Assembly District Club of the CP. It was announced at a meeting of the NY District CP Board, held 2/2/61, that BILL ALBERTSON will discuss with ROBESON the possibility of his membership on the Youth Commission of the NY District. After this discussion, if ALBERTSON or CLARENCE HATHAWAY, Chairman of the District, have no objection, ROBESON will be made a member of this Youth Commission.

ROSENBLUTH, NAT

ROSENBLUTH is a member of the NC, representing the NY District. Recently, a biographical sketch of ROSENBLUTH was obtained. Therein it was indicated that

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ROSENBLUTH is a member of the ILGWU and that his occupation is "cutter - ladies' suite". Therein it is indicated ROSENBLUTH is a member of the Craft Club as well as a member of the SANE. It is noted that ROSENBLUTH is Chairman of the garment region of the CP.

At a meeting of the NY District CP staff, held 1/17/61, it was decided by CLARENCE HATHAWAY that ROSENBLUTH's name would be tentatively added to the Trade Union Commission of the District. He was not definitely made a member of this commission because of his general inactivity in relation to the previously instituted trade union committee.

RUBIN, MORTIMER DANIEL

RUBIN is an at large member of the CP, representing youth and holds the position of CP, USA National Youth Secretary.

Recently RUBIN has been in poor health as a result of the possible recurrence of a tubercular condition. His principle activity is in connection with the publication "New Horizon For Youth".

STACHEL, JACOB

STACHEL is an at large member of the NC and Chairman of the National Groups Commission of the CP, USA. In addition, it has been reported that together with PHILIP BART and BETTY GANNETT, STACHEL has been given the assignment of arranging for a skeleton underground operation in the event of adverse court decisions against the CP.

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TORMEY, BETTY GANNETT

TORMEY is a member of the NC representing the NY District. In addition, she is a member of the full time staff of the NY State CP and holds the title of Organizer and Educational Director of the District. According to the Spring Term, 1961, Catalogue, 3/6/61 through 5/5/61, under "The New York School For Marxist Studies", TORMEY was listed as the instructor in the course, "Introduction to Marxism" at SCOPE classes to be held Friday at 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, beginning 3/10/61.

In addition to the above assignment, TORMEY has been assigned, along with PHILIP BART and JACK STACHEL, with the task of arranging for a skeleton underground operation to be utilized in the event of adverse court decisions affecting the CP.

TORMEY has indicated she will give her major attention to coordinating the work of the clubs; training all club officers and in addition, paying some attention to agitational work.

TORMEY, JAMES

TORMEY is a member of the NC, representing the NY District. In addition, he holds the position of Kings County CP Organizer. In the reorganization of the district, he was dropped from the state payroll, and is looking for employment. TORMEY was recently made a member of the Special Organization Commission and the Negro Commission of the NY CP District.

WEINSTOCK, LOUIS

WEINSTOCK is a member of the NC, representing the NY District and holds the position of General Manager of "The Worker".

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In late January, 1961, it was learned that LOUIS WEINSTOCK had completed the necessary arrangements and can now handle for the CP, USA, any more messages which must be transmitted to the Hungarian Socialist Workers Party. WEINSTOCK has contemplated an extended tour to Miami, Fla., the West Coast and other parts of the US to raise funds for the establishment of a daily Marxist newspaper.

WEINSTONE, WILLIAM

WEINSTONE was elected a member of the NC at a meeting of that body, held in NYC, 1/20-22/61.

It has been previously reported that the CP, USA, was considering sending WEINSTONE to Prague for a period of one year as the CP, USA representative on the staff of "World Marxist Review". Recently, however, GUS HALL has said that WEINSTONE will not be considered further for this assignment. Instead, WEINSTONE will replace HY LUMER as National Educational Director of the CP, USA, whose replacement has been necessitated by the recent ruling which may require that LUMER go to prison in the near future.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC [REDACTED]
FROM: SA ROBERT C. NORTON
SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED
BY SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: March 1, 1961

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The documentation for this information is as follows:

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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2/6/61	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[REDACTED]

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The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

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1 - Los Angeles (REGISTERED MAIL)

[REDACTED]

1 - Chicago (REGISTERED MAIL)

[REDACTED]

2 - Detroit (REGISTERED MAIL)

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1 - Cleveland (REGISTERED MAIL)

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38 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)

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"Baltimore, Maryland
February 6, 1961

"The following report concerns events which took place
[REDACTED] in New York City before, during and after
the [REDACTED] former CP National Chairman. b7D

[REDACTED] CP District Board members from
[REDACTED] the former also being a CP National Committee
member, left Baltimore at about 3:25 a.m. and after
journeying by train arrived in New York City at about
7:30 a.m.

The two after breakfast went to the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] New York
City, where [REDACTED]

After about 30 minutes [REDACTED] went to the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] Broadway.

[REDACTED] met PHIL BART, CP National Organizational
Secretary. [REDACTED] handed BART the membership registration
figures for the CP Community Section of Baltimore.

BART told the other two that [REDACTED] CP National
Committee member from Baltimore [REDACTED] from
that area, would be there shortly and that [REDACTED] had gone
to bring [REDACTED] Chairman, to the
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[REDACTED] then asked [REDACTED] if he would like to have his
name read off. He then explained that all of the
National Committee members were considered honorary
pallbearers and that there would be television and
newspaper coverage.

[REDACTED] who had just arrived, [REDACTED] then
conferred and decided that [REDACTED] name should not be
made public since great deal of the work that he was doing
in Baltimore was not known to the general public.

About 12:00 noon [REDACTED] CP National [REDACTED] for the
South, addressed the group which had been gathered in the

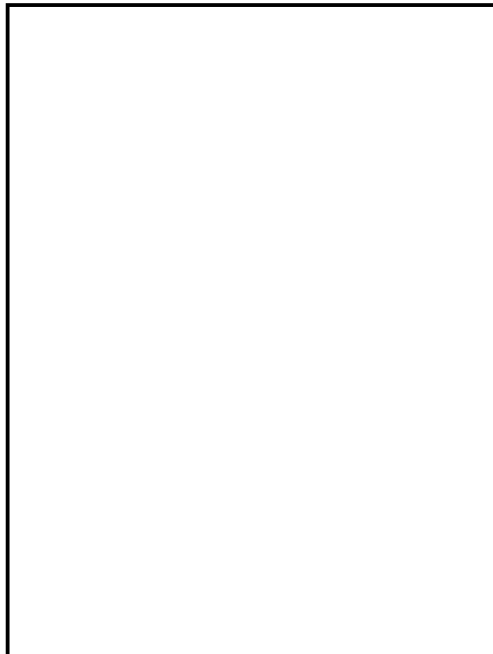
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ballroom. The first three rows of chairs in front were reserved for National Committeemen.

The following individuals were observed to be in attendance at the affair:



PHIL BART



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[redacted] of the
"Morning Freiheit": [redacted] Chairman; and
[redacted] Chairman, then spoke in turn
[redacted]

The various speeches ended at about 1:15 p.m. at which time the [redacted]

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[redacted] if they
intended to pay [redacted] who
was at home and [redacted]

The group then decided to go except for [redacted] who said that he
was going to [redacted]

[redacted] CP National Educational [redacted]
and his wife; [redacted]

[redacted] and his wife joined [redacted] in
a visit to the [redacted] They took the 7th

[redacted]
Avenue subway to [redacted] Street and walked over to [redacted]
to the residence.

The group found [redacted] had arrived already. [redacted]
explained that he had changed his mind and had not gone

[redacted]
[redacted] then introduced [redacted] and some of the others to the [redacted]

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The group talked until about 3:15 p.m. at which time
it was suggested that the people from Baltimore contact
[redacted] and his wife, [redacted] who lived
in the apartment below.

[redacted] then went downstairs where they
met [redacted] and his wife who invited them into the
apartment.

A discussion then followed of the changing conditions in
Baltimore and that the fact that many Negroes had moved into
the city since the early 1940's.

[redacted] if he had obtained his union book.
[redacted] said that he had obtained his seaman's papers but had
been unable to get his union card back from the National
Maritime Union. He said that in any event he did not desire
to go to sea after being ashore for such a long time.

[redacted] whether he remembered [redacted]
[redacted] former CP members from Baltimore.
[redacted] replied that he knew them both and considered
O. K. but hotheaded. He then asked as to
status.

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[redacted] had left the Party like a number
of others during the 1940's because of personal and
ideological differences. He said he had been in contact
with [redacted] during the past year and that [redacted] was
travelling coast-wise as a merchant seaman. [redacted] said
that [redacted] was interested in rejoining the Party but
had stressed that he could not work in the open because of
Government checks.

[redacted] then asked about [redacted] said
he hadn't seen him in recent months.

[redacted] then turned to [redacted] and said that he had forgotten

[redacted]

to talk to [redacted] and that the latter was back in Baltimore for a short period. [redacted] said that when he returned to Baltimore he intended to make [redacted] his Number 1 assignment.

[redacted] then asked as to labor conditions in Baltimore and while they were talking about this, [redacted] served some cocktails.

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The group then discussed [redacted] and his wife coming to Baltimore to pay a visit. The [redacted] said they would like to very much but they had to get Government permission to travel and it was an annoyance.

At about 4:10 p.m., [redacted] left the [redacted] They went by subway to a restaurant on 7th Avenue near 23rd Street.

[redacted] said that there were a number of things he wanted done back in Baltimore. He then instructed [redacted] to contact [redacted] CP Community Section Chairman, and told [redacted] that he, [redacted] could not go to Washington, D. C. that night and to change the date of the visit, any day after Tuesday being all right.

[redacted] then went to call his wife, [redacted] and tell her he would not be home that evening.

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Upon his return [redacted] instructed [redacted] to contact [redacted] CP Community Section member, and have him go to the home of [redacted] CP District Board member, the following Tuesday night to attend a talk to be given by [redacted] Field Representative for the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee.

[redacted] then discussed [redacted] actions at the last District Board meeting which [redacted] had not attended and during which meeting [redacted] had criticized [redacted]

[redacted] emphasized that he was not going to criticize [redacted] any more in view of the fact that he was not backed by the other District Board members. He said however that he was very much dissatisfied with her lack of activity.

[redacted] then said that he was asked by [redacted] to stay

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overnight and attend a meeting of the National Secretariat to take place the following day. [redacted] said that he had an idea that the discussion would concern the appointment of someone to replace [redacted] on the secretariat.

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[redacted] that he had talked to [redacted] and was going to raise the question with him of financing of trips to the South.

The three then discussed the attendance at [redacted] that day with everyone agreeing that the attendance was as good as could be expected in view of the weather.

[redacted] then made the observation that not many Negroes were in attendance but said he saw no more than about 50. [redacted] was entirely correct and that this pointed out what was happening to the CP with regard to the Negro membership.

[redacted] then told [redacted] that he should emphasize this point at the meeting the next day. [redacted] agreed and asked if there was anything else.

[redacted] said that he was becoming more and more dissatisfied with [redacted] and noticed that [redacted] had been about a half an hour late in attending the [redacted] and had made a spectacle of himself in trying to find a chair on the platform while someone was talking.

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[redacted] said that [redacted] was again correct in his observation and that the national leadership was concerned about [redacted]

[redacted] then left at about 5:50 p.m. to take a train to Baltimore.

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128814)

FROM : SA ROBERT S. MUGAVIN (#414)

SUBJECT: NEW YORK DISTRICT CP
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DATE: 3/2/61

Identity of Source NY 2358-S*
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1-NY (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (#414)
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1-NY (105-24891) (JAKE ROSEN) (#414)
1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART)
1-NY (100-128255) (DANNY RUBIN) (#415)
1-NY (100-124087) [REDACTED]
1-NY (100-115331) [REDACTED]
1-NY (100-128804) (NY DISTRICT CP-YOUTH) (#414)
1-NY (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (#414)
1-NY (100-135736) (MARVIN MARKMAN) (#414)
1-NY (100-117708) [REDACTED]
1-NY (100-13527) (DAVE SALES) (#423)
1-NY (100-55612) (ESTHER GOLLOBIN) (#424)
1-NY (100-79025) (MILLIE MC A. EDELMAN) (#421)
1-NY (100-132101) [REDACTED]
1-NY (100-139416) (TOM KEOGH) (#412)
1-NY (100-138114) [REDACTED]
1-NY (100-95550) (PAUL ROBESON, JR.)
1-NY (100-50094) (ESTHER CANTOR) (#414)
1-NY (100-54555) (EVELYN WIENER) (#414)
1-NY (100-67670) (IDA POSNER) (#414)
1-NY (100-118174) (MILT ROSEN) (#414)
1-NY (100-84275) (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (#414)
1-NY (100-106126) (MIKE CRENOVICH) (#424)
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On 2/2/61, NY 2358-S* furnished the following information concerning a meeting of the New York District CP Board held at CP Headquarters, NYC, on that date.

This meeting of the New York District CP Board began with BETTY GANNETT reading a statement eulogizing EUGENE DENNIS which statement is to be published in "The Worker".

CLARENCE HATHAWAY called for any objections to the statement otherwise it would stand approved as presented and submitted to "The Worker" for publication. There were no objections.

HATHAWAY said that the next point on the agenda was in regard to youth. He recalled to the board that it had been agreed that he would take the initiative in meeting with JAKE (ROSEN) and discussing questions with JAKE.

JAKE, [REDACTED] came into headquarters and met with PHIL (BART), DAN (RUBIN) and HATHAWAY.

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On questions of his method of work and so forth, JAKE took a very arrogant position. The result of this conversation was very unsatisfactory.

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They raised the question that they all become members of the youth clubs in Manhattan and Brooklyn; all three opposed this, arguing that they received intellectual stimulation and ideological development from their association with adults and they would lose this if they became associated with youth clubs. They said they had wanted to work in the field of community clubs rather than youth work. When the point was raised that in the past their activity had not been in the community where they lived but was city-wide in character and involved in youth work, they acknowledged that this was probably a mistake but persisted in their previous position. This was on January 23rd which was before the youth meeting on Sunday (January 29) at which GUS HALL discussed the problems of youth work.

HALL stated the main failure was because there was a pronounced left-sectarian tendency in youth work. HALL also stressed the factional differences. After HALL's report, three or four young comrades supported HALL's position and then JAKE spoke. JAKE gave an example of arrogance the like of which HATHAWAY has never witnessed.

HALL also raised the question of all young people assigned to youth clubs being responsible for the discipline of the youth clubs. This means that in the case of JAKE, [redacted] that they shall now be required to transfer their membership from the community clubs and that they will be required to work under the direction of the youth club in the sense that they will be responsible to carry out decisions collectively made and they will have to work under the discipline of the District CP Youth Commission. The District CP Board will have to see that once and for all the irresponsible, undisciplined individualistic method of work that has been carried on by these comrades comes to an end. This is necessary or they will never make any advance in youth work .

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HATHAWAY said he had instructed ALBERTSON to call a meeting of the Youth Commission for the coming Monday night (2/6/61) and he would like to submit for final ratification the question of the composition of that commission. Therefore, HATHAWAY wants to repropose the members of the Youth Commission as:

ALBERTSON
MARVIN MARKMAN

DAVE SALES
ESTHER GOLLOBIN
MILLIE EDELMAN
DANNY RUBIN

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The three organizers of the youth clubs:

from the Bronx
Brooklyn

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TOM, probably being changed to MILT, in Manhattan

ROSEN will propose a comrade from trade union work and from their discussion, HATHAWAY thinks it will be a Negro.

On the question of MILLIE or PAULIE ROBESON, JR., as Commission member, HATHAWAY has no desire to downgrade PAULIE. However, PAULIE's tendency to raise abstract questions for prolonged discussion, would be a disorientating influence and for that reason he proposes MILLIE as the member of the Youth Commission. He has agreed to discuss this with PAULIE, therefore, HATHAWAY moved that the question of MILLIE or PAULIE be left un-resolved pending this discussion.

The second point is concerning ALBERTSON remaining as Chairman of the Youth Commission. HATHAWAY acknowledged that there has been confusion in the youth work and the tendency

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is to blame ALBERTSON for it. However, HATHAWAY stated that the situations in the youth field were a direct reflection of the differences in the Party. These problems will be solved only with the complete solution of their own problems. Therefore, HATHAWAY proposes they reaffirm ALBERTSON as Chairman of the Commission and strengthen it further by adding ESTHER, DAVE, DANNY and either MILLIE or PAULIE as may be decided.

Also, the proposal was made that all youths without exception, be assigned to youth clubs. HATHAWAY said the above motions then called for someone to second them and a discussion of them. BETTY GANNETT seconded the motions.

ESTHER CANTOR stated she would not vote for ALBERTSON as Chairman of the Youth Commission. EVELYN WIENER stated the Commission as proposed, will not help to convince youth that they should all work together and so on.

GANNETT stated that they needed all of these comrades in relation to youth work. To vote for ALBERTSON's removal is not because he had a wrong policy but because he did not unite youth.

IDA POSNER observed that everytime the question of youth comes up, there is factionalism. She thought ALBERTSON should be complimented on the work he did and not be blamed for everything that went wrong in the Youth Commission.

MILTON ROSEN stated that he was for the Youth Commission as proposed, with ALBERTSON as Chairman.

WILLIAM RATTERSON agreed with those who felt the blame should not be placed on ALBERTSON.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON stated the Party has said openly, this is the line but they have given youth a different line. He would say that 90% of the New York youth are united. They do not have all kinds of youth in the Party. One that abides by the Party line and one that does not. He thinks the proposal made by HATHAWAY is good and that the work should be reviewed periodically.

HATHAWAY observed that he had been prepared to add JAKE ROSEN to the Commission but when JAKE reacted to GUS' objective report, this caused HATHAWAY not to include him.

Regarding ALBERTSON, HATHAWAY said there has been a terrific campaign against him which must be discontinued if unity in the Party is going to develop. For the purpose of voting, HATHAWAY proposed the question be divided as:

1. Approval of the composition of the Youth Commission not yet posing the question of its chairmanship.

The vote was eight in favor, three opposed.

2. On the question of ALBERTSON for Chairman. Six in favor, and five opposed.

3. Those in favor of assigning the comrades in youth work to youth clubs, 9 in favor, 0 opposed, abstaining 2.

4. On the question of MILLIE and PAULIE, it is proposed that MILLIE be assigned to the Negro Commission and PAULIE to the Youth Commission.

MIKE CRENOVICH proposed PAULIE be put on the Youth Commission.

ALBERTSON said that he did not know if PAULIE knew whether ALBERTSON was Chairman of the Youth Commission.

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That may changed PAULIE's position. He would like to have a discussion with PAULIE, they are personal friends, and his position is that if neither HATHAWAY nor he bring back objections, then PAUL can be on the Commission.

HATHAWAY agreed with ALBERTSON and the suggestion was apparently accepted.

MILT ROSEN stated he had a written report of 4600 words and the general purpose is to build trade union work in the State as the CP. It is not a labor policy statement. It is broken down into five portions:

1. The importance of trade union work
2. The main problem which faces the workers during this period of unemployment.
3. Some main features that have developed in the labor movement in the immediate period.
4. Developments and main features of the New York labor movement.
5. How do they work as the CP, to improve their work in the labor movement.

ROSEN's report, in part, continued that the labor unions have put forth various programs to help solve the problems of unemployment and as Communists they can see their value. However, the Party has its own program which is of a much more advanced character. This program calls for:

1. The end of discrimination in all employment.
2. Elevate the struggle for a shorter work week to new heights.
3. Complete unemployment benefits for the full period unemployed.
4. (inaudible)
5. To end the cold war and cold war economy.

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The Party has also put forth a program of action to attain these gains:

1. To maintain relationships with the unemployed.
2. To develop unity of action between the unemployed and the Negroes and whites.
3. To move more organizations in the community on the unemployment question.
4. To encourage mass action on the part of unions.
5. Have the widest distribution of the Party program on unemployment in the communities and the shops.

Some of the key features that have taken place in the labor movement in the past period are:

1. Monopolists have no intention of easing up their assault on worker's security.

2. There has been very little exchange between labor unions in New York and those in the Soviet Union.

3. The Negro American Labor Council plays an important part in the labor movement. It plays a key role in bringing to the forefront the Negro worker and affords advanced trade unionists the opportunity to work unitedly.

4. That the unions failed to buckle under the monopolists assault.

The New York labor movement has an historic task and that is to destroy ROCKEFELLER. Imperialism is the main enemy of the working class and ROCKEFELLER is the main imperialist in the world.

They should turn the labor movement away from the DE SAPIO machine and into closer alliance with the insurgent

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Democrats with the aim of moving the insurgents on labor matters.

Many comrades in trade unions play no role. This must be overcome.

The sound lines and policies of the Party should be given to 10's of thousands of the workers. Their outlook is not contradictory to the worker's interest. They should identify the Party in the good light it deserves.

They want to expand their influence in the basic industries of the City and State. They should concentrate on the industries which have large numbers of Negro and Puerto Rican workers.

HATHAWAY stated that he thought the general line of the report of ROSEN was good. He had one question to raise, that of formulation, as where ROSEN describes ROCKEFELLER as the world's greatest imperialist. Facetiously that is alright, but actually it might lead to a distorted picture of the imperialist forces in the country. There are little things like that in the report.

BETTY GANNETT observed that their general direction should be to overcome the low wage standards of New York State.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON said the winning of popular things is what brings advances to the Party and to the trade union movement. They should go over the wording covering the relationship of the Party with the trade union since there is such a thing as the Landrum-Griffin Law.

HATHAWAY offered the motion to approve the general line of the report. The vote was unanimous.

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Regarding the State Committee meeting scheduled for February 4 and 5, 1961, HATHAWAY said that in view of GENE DENNIS' death, they proposed to cut it down to one day to limit it to the trade union question on February 4th, and not hold a Sunday session on February 5th. However, they proposed to invite the comrades on the Trade Union Commission plus key trade union friends.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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"On Monday [redacted] there was a meeting of the [redacted] Reception Committee held at the home of the [redacted]

"Those attending were as follows:

[redacted]
also another woman who I didn't know.

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[redacted] told us that [redacted] father had passed away, also that [redacted] was in City Hospital Wd. 4 where he had been taken with a heart condition. That [redacted] would appreciate cards.

[redacted] also said she had written to [redacted] in Florida and she had received back a check from him for \$10.00 for the E.G.F. affair.

[redacted] stressed that the important thing to do between now and the affair was to see as many people as possible and to raise as much money as we could. They wanted to raise at least \$2,000.00 and expected around 200 people to the affair. She had printed invitations to the affair which were distributed to the areas, 35 going to the North Shore. Also [redacted] was asked to send 5 to [redacted] and request her to send one to [redacted] whose address we weren't sure of (but I believe lives in Medford):

[redacted] said she didn't have [redacted] address. [redacted] said it was [redacted] but wasn't sure if it was Melrose or Malden. [redacted] asked [redacted] to see that [redacted] got an invitation.

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"In check-up of committee it was suggested that [redacted] (who had done such a good job at [redacted] affair collecting) be at the door to receive donations as people came in.

"Working Committee be [redacted] should be asked. [redacted] also others - [redacted] [redacted] etc. There would be no problem in getting someone to work.

[] said that at a meeting the day before PHIL BART had suggested we arrange a press conference for [] if possible and asked the committee how they felt about that. Everyone agreed it would be good. Suggestions made were to try to get her on LOUIS LYON's program, Channel 2. Try for JERRY WILLIAMS' program, with the comment that if we wanted to get her on JERRY WILLIAMS' program - HYSON (ph) would be the person to contact. Also Meet The Editors, Christian Science Monitor, and WBZ. That possibly E.G.F. would check into a hotel and a press conference could be arranged. In any event all avenues should be examined.

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[] said she would need at least 45 cakes for the affair. 5 promised from the North Shore. It was felt there should be some fruit on the tables. [] who can get it cheap agreed to get apples and tangerines.

[] was asked to get 200 plastic teaspoons, paper plates, napkins. [] would bring sugar and canned milk.

[] to send her [] address as she wanted to ask him to speak at the affair.

"People still to be contacted - [] no problem now that he had retired [] and others."

[] was asked to speak to [] to see if he'd see people at the Chelsea Russian Club who might come. Many people being invited who were not party (C.P.) members. Some who had been on the Sacco-Vanzetti com. with [] etc.

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[] showed [] & others a bar of Restaurant Coffee - with the comment her [] made it (in N.Y. I believe). She said they owned "Marstons."

[] left a coat with []

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A copy of the printed invitation mentioned herein to the reception for [redacted] follows: (See [redacted])

"WELCOME HOME RECEPTION FOR [redacted]

* * * * *

"Dear Friend:

[redacted] has just returned from an eight month visit to six Socialist European countries - the U.S.S.R., CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BULGARIA, ROUMANIA, HUNGARY AND EAST GERMANY. She also attended the International Women's Peace Conference held in Copenhagen, Norway. She has much to tell about what she saw and heard among the people of these countries.

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"COME TO THE WELCOME HOME RECEPTION FOR [redacted]

"SUNDAY AFTERNOON at 2:30 PM

"TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB - Morton & Wellington Hill Sts.
Dorchester

[redacted] has been an inspiring labor leader and an outstanding fighter for PEACE and SOCIALISM for over half a century. She made her first speech for Socialism at a New York Street Corner Meeting at the age of 16. She is now 70 years old and still going strong. This has been her first trip to the Socialist countries, and she wants to share her enthusiasm for the socialist way of life with all her friends.

"There will be an Entertainment Program and some light refreshments; and plenty of opportunity to talk to and listen to this remarkable American labor leader.

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"This Reception will raise funds for the 1961 FUND DRIVE
for THE WORKER. Please help us make this a big success.

"Sincerely yours,

/s/
"For the Reception Committee."

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All necessary action has been taken with respect to the
information furnished above.

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TO: SAC, BOSTON (100-7908)
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Informant's written report, dated [redacted]
follows:

[redacted]
"On Sunday [redacted] telephoned [redacted] in order to notify him that a meeting was to be held at his home in [redacted] the coming Thursday [redacted]

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[redacted] was told that [redacted] had not heard from anyone and so he was calling the meeting himself. He said the National Convention of the CP USA was going to be held in New York City [redacted]

"On [redacted] went to the home of [redacted] to attend a meeting of the Industrial Group of the Communist Party of New England. Present were [redacted]

[redacted] said he had five meetings that week but [redacted] wanted the meeting he would attend. [redacted] said she had attended three meetings that week but since [redacted] wanted the meeting she attended. [redacted] was instructed that dues be collected and [redacted] and the two [redacted] all paid dues to [redacted] [redacted] was chairman and the agenda included [redacted] report on a previous District Committee Meeting. He said he was appointed to the Negro Affairs Committee and he was to work with Negro people and recruit new Negro members. He said that the D. C. discussed the bookstore but no decision was reached as to what action would be taken with regard to discontinuing or maintaining the bookstore.

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[redacted] said that Phil Bart recommended the abolishment of the Industrial Group and regroup the members. Some clubs could be reactivated by the assignment of a member of the Industrial Group to it. There is a drive on to organize the Youth and CP needs

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"to put more strength into youth group and so may abolish the Industrial Group. [redacted] said he was against abolishing the Industrial Group. No action was taken in this regard. [redacted] [redacted] was busy with the youth affairs.

"It was announced that 81 Communist Party and Workers Party Manifests was to be published in Political Affairs for January 1961 and in a pamphlet. Copies of this is to be obtained by all members and then it will be discussed at all club meetings. [redacted] discussed the picketting by the American Nazi Party in Boston and that the C.P. should have some youth there. He said he had called friend in the Socialist Workers Party to do something but this person said no to do anything about it but just ignore the Nazis. However this person went to a Jewish organization and urged activity against them. [redacted] then recommended that every one possible should be there to picket against them.

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[redacted] was getting out a pamphlet on Gil Green and that she went to the head of the NACCP meeting and this person agreed to distribute this leaflet at the meetings of the NACCP.

[redacted] said he would get up a mailing list for this Gil Green pamphlet and [redacted] [redacted] each donated a \$1 for the expenses of this mailing.

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[redacted] was to speak at the Carpenter Hall, Mattapan Feb 26, 1961 and that as many as possible should attend. She also that [redacted] had returned from Cuba and was to speak at the Community Church Wednesday, January 18, 1961 on her trip to Cuba.

[redacted] sold copies of 'Political affairs'. "Mainstream" and "Long Line Lenin". [redacted] for his subscription to The Worker in the amount \$5.00 [redacted] also paid \$5.00 for his C.P. dues to [redacted]

[redacted] visited [redacted] on January 14, 1960 and they discussed the meeting which [redacted] had attended.

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[redacted] said that the Presidential inaugural should be picketted and prevent U.S. from invading Cuba. [redacted] agreed with [redacted] on this recommendation. [redacted] said he saw [redacted] and was getting another car from him. He said he met [redacted] also. At a previous meeting [redacted] said that they should meet with [redacted] and decide what action the C.P. should take. He said that [redacted] was no inspiration but merely talked about the past."

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The informant also furnished a communication which had been received by [redacted] through the mail on January 3, 1961. It was a flyer issued by the Socialist Workers party and Young Socialist Alliance urging workers, Students, negro and Jewish people to counter-picket the American Nazi Party on January 15th.

This flyer is being maintained in the exhibit section of the informant's [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)
FROM : SA [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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NY 694-S* advised on 2/1/61, that the National and New York State Offices of the Communist Party; the Editorial and Office Staff of "The Worker," an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper, currently occupy the premises at 23 W. 26th St., NYC.

The above captioned subject was observed at 23 W. 26th St., as indicated below:

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New York, New York

March 3, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Bufile 100-3-76

Re: Communist Party, United
States of America -
Youth

A Confidential Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 2, 1961, that Philip Bart, National Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), had stated that it would be wise to have some of Danny Rubin's Communist Party (CP) youth group get into the newly formed United States Peace Corps right at the beginning.

Source advised Danny Rubin is the National Youth Director of the CPUSA.

The CPUSA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80644)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - YOUTH
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Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting that PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary of the CPUSA had told his wife, CONNIE, that it would be wise to get some of DANNY's (RUBIN) crowd into the Peace Corps right at the beginning. CONNIE agreed that this would be an excellent idea.

The confidential source utilized is NY 1750-S*.

This memorandum has been classified "~~Confidential~~" because it contains information from a source, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the CPUSA and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

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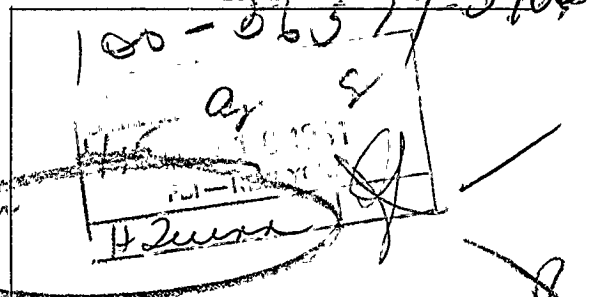
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[redacted]
[redacted] of the C.P. met in its regular monthly meeting as previously planned on [redacted] but at [redacted] instead of [redacted]

[redacted] chaired the meeting which was called to order eleven am. -- lunch at one PM -- the PM scsession was from one thirty to five.

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"All members and officers of the D.C. attended except [redacted] plus Joe LNU of Fall River and one other comrade of Fall River. Phil Bart of N.Y. was present too. [redacted] left the meeting at twelve thirty on account of another engagement.

"The first matter of business was a statement by [redacted] She pointed that the change in location was due to the attention of F.B.I. Agents on [redacted] Furthermore she stated that [redacted] was acosted recently as well as [redacted] approach by the Federal Agents. She made it clear that the C.P. has to try to protect the intrest of comrads' homes in such instances.

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"The Agenda: Report by the Auditing Committee, report on the Book Store, Report of the National Committee Meeting in N.Y., Report of local function, report of the [redacted] engagement planned for [redacted] at the Town and Country Club, Dorchester, Mass. Discussion of 81 Parties Statement -- Party organization and the Daily Worker.

"This Agenda, with exception to the Daily Worker issue, was prearrange in an exec. meeting held [redacted] at [redacted] Roxbury. In fact the sole purpose of the [redacted] exec. meeting was to prepare the Agenda. And was attended by [redacted] and [redacted]

"Audit report by [redacted] - The report is not ready yet. There was no further comment. While at the exec. meeting of [redacted] stated that he had to get some information from [redacted] in order to complete the report by [redacted] but apparently [redacted] had no idea of responding. She denied having anything for the report, neither in figures or cash.

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"Book Store by [redacted] Due to the chang of padlock on the door of the store the idea prevailed that the landlord has dropped his dealings with [redacted] The D.C. took the same position and the case is closed.

"National Committee report by [redacted] and P. Bart: [redacted] report as follows - The N.C. meeting in N.Y. was held. A plesent invitation was extended to all that attended. Discussions were held on Cuba, the Congo, The Soviet Union, Peoples' China and the USA. The case of [redacted] came up and the N.C. asked [redacted] to take the floor in self defense. While on the floor and at no time did [redacted] give any self criticism of the charges against him [redacted] Presently [redacted] is no longer in the N.C. nor in the D.C. Furthermore for six months from the date of the N.C. meeting in N.Y. he is on probation as a C.P. rank and file member subject to behavior.

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"P. Bart on N.C. report: Gene Dennis passed away. N.C. is united and will meet again in four months. The principle issue of the next meeting will be unemployment. No unemployment resolution or other material will be sent out as a result of that meeting but each district is required to send in to the N.C. reports of actual goings on by the direct information of clubs. The report on [redacted] is confirmed and true. The N.C. report by [redacted] is to be in this vacinity in a week from this date.

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"Local function by [redacted] estimation pending the completion of C.P. registration shows the entire N.E. district with one hundred eighteen C.P. members of which eighty nine are regular dues paying ones. C.P. crisis via [redacted] and the recent snow storms made things rough to put together the proposed programs with any great effect as of to date. A new club is set up and is known as the Roxbury Club with its first three members - [redacted] and [redacted] Other members will be taken from other clubs and so is the headquarters of Negro Affairs. [redacted] is to be contacted by [redacted] in the hope of securing his contribution as a member of this club. Efforts and bones are in motion to make a big event of the [redacted] particularly on the mater of finance which will be on the 61 fund drive. On the issue of C.P. recruting - Any person or persons that will not coperate as C.P. members outright will be asked to work on committees etc.

"81 Parties statement by P. Bart: Very little was said on this due to the lengthy agenda and the importance of getting down to cases on the issues of overcomming what is stiled road blocks. But Phil Bart stressed the need of continued study and discussion of the 81 statement by all the clubs for a long long time.

"Party Organization and the Daily Worker: [redacted] reiterated the C.P. should adjust itself by the information given by [redacted] and go on to arrange the necessary mechanism to work with on the Negro Affairs issue instead of stalling. This came as the result of a request by [redacted] to know what [redacted] plans on his asignments were. Then [redacted] went on to explain in details about [redacted] condition at his regular work with little leasure time which ment that the 'let George do it Policy' was outdated or at least not suficent. She also followed with suggestion slow down on Negro Affairs untill an active worke force is set up and to divide this work among the force. This plan was favored by the D.C. It is apperent that the Clubs, namly, Industrial - Brighton and Cambridge, will be disolved with the members being placed whearever permissable. Quite a bit of discussion was heard on such action. Also included in the C.P. program is the aim to find use for non party people that are willing to work when and where possible.

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"A report was made earlier in the day by [redacted] on the Rockwells Apperance in Boston which is entered here under Party Organization. Prior to this German's demonstration, it was reported, the Governor of Mass. and several others were approach_ to have Mr. Rockwell branded but without success. And so in the activity the report indicated that the people of Boston went out in challenge. The results were that the whole purpose of the demonstration was completely defeated and that [redacted] [redacted] is not expected to attemp such again.

"In conjunction with the Party Organization report Phil Bart stated that the Positive Plans are now in motion to reestablish the Worker on a daily basis instead of the present weekly issue.

BS 100-7908

"At the close of the meeting Phil Bart introduced a new book which was printed in Russia and titled 'Fundamental of Marxism and Leninism' Priced at \$2.00. A nine hundred page edition.

"Members of the [redacted] who attended the [redacted] on [redacted]

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"This is all the information at the present time."

All necessary action has been taken in connection with the information furnished above.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK ~~(100-56579)~~
(100-143291)

DATE: March 8, 1961

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (100-22227)

SUBJECT: PETE (LNU) FROM "THE WORKER"
ELDERLY MAN, WHITE, AGE
ABOUT 60, 5'9"
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OO: NEW YORK

Reurlet dated January 24, 1961, enclosing
photographs of PHIL BART to be shown to [redacted]

On [redacted] identified photographs
of BART as the individual he had previously described as
"PETE from 'The Worker'", who was present at a meeting of the
National Negro Commission on [redacted]

On [redacted] identified the
photographs as being the individual he described as an
unidentified white male, age 48-50, etc., in attendance at
the [redacted] meeting.

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Photographs of BART are enclosed as requested.

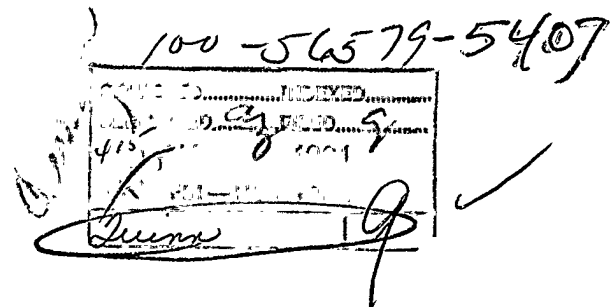
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- 4 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL) (Enclosures 2) *W*
3 - Baltimore (1 - [redacted])
(1 - [redacted])

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-1287)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-1696)
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
IS-C; ISA-50
(OO: NY)

On 3/7/61, NY 2318-S* reported PHIL BART told ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN that "they" wanted her in Philadelphia for both Saturday afternoon and evening. FLYNN indicated she was unhappy over these arrangements, but would go anyway.

BART suggested that FLYNN consider flying to Seattle on Wednesday (3/15/61) rather than Monday (3/13/61). FLYNN replied that this might be better, but she would think the matter over.

3-Bureau (100-1287) (RM)
1-Philadelphia (RM)
1-Seattle (RM)
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~~FBI - Newark~~

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On [] DMTI BART and [] were overheard discussing the [] situation. It develops that the National Office of the CP has come into possession of a letter from [] to someone in San Francisco. This letter apparently indicated that the writer of the letter was affiliated with the regular CP somewhere on the East Coast. It also indicated that the writer had close liaison with the [] group in N. J. This letter indicated that the group associated with [] was making an effort to write to anti-Party people in an effort to organize them and lead them in an effort to take over the CP.

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BART indicated that the National leadership is moving to organize a National Review Commission which, with the aid of the National leaders, will move against this particular group and other factionalist groups which BART indicated the National Office feels will try to concentrate and turn upon the regular leadership of the CP at the 18th National Convention.

BART was overheard to tell [] that the [] fit into this pattern. He said that he had heard of the school that was being planned in Newark and had also heard that [] was scheduled to teach it. BART told [] that it would happen "over my dead body". BART indicated that it was time that he and [] cleared them out. [] asked BART if he felt that a blood-thirsty attitude in New Jersey would achieve what the Party wanted to accomplish there. BART indicated that [] had gone to the National Committee meeting and had made many derogatory statements concerning the present leadership. He said it was apparent that [] were against the 17th National Convention and the current Party leadership. BART indicated that [] should lead this fight against this element. [] said he would not do it. He told BART that he had kept the Party going in N. J. by keeping these elements together. He said that if he refused the school to [] it would cause a rift in N. J. He told BART that if he wanted to carry out this purge he would have to do it himself. He told BART that he wanted to try to continue to work with these people in N. J. until such time as he could develop and substitute a new leadership.

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BART did not press the issue further but ended the conversation with the remarks, "OK it's your headache".

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-60544)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-128255)

SUBJECT: MORTIMER DANIEL RUBIN, aka.
IS-C; ISA-50
(OO: NY)

ReNYairtel to Bureau, 3/7/61, captioned
"PHIL BART; IS-C, ISA-50, SA-40."

NY 2957-S* advised 3/13/61, that MORTIMER DANIEL RUBIN (Youth Director, CPUSA) planned to go with PHIL BART (to Boston, March 15-19, 1961). Boston will be advised of additional information re this trip as it becomes available to NYO.

- 4 - Bureau (65-60544) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-3284) (PHIL BART)
- 2 - Boston (INFO) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-) (PHIL BART)
- 1 - NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-128255) (415)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

DATE: 3/15/61

FROM: SA JOHN A. HAAG

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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Identity of Source

[redacted] who has furnished
reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of Info

[redacted]

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Date Received

3/2/61

Received By

SA JOHN A. HAAG-written

Original Location

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A copy of informant's written report follows.

1- [redacted] (TNY) (41)
1-NY 100-120054 (414)
1-NY 100-134953 (4)
1-NY 100-54555 (4)
1-NY 100-50094 (4)
1-NY 100-129629 (414)
1-NY 100-23825 (14)
1-NY 100-16021 (421)
1-NY 100-89179 (421)
1-NY 100-83378 (421)
1-NY 100-26018 (415)
1-NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY 100-134953)
1-NY 100-71105)
1-NY 100-55393)
1-NY 100-81771 (424)
1-NY 100-133660)
1-NY 100-25623)
1-NY 100-8033 (422)
1-NY 100-80641 (415)

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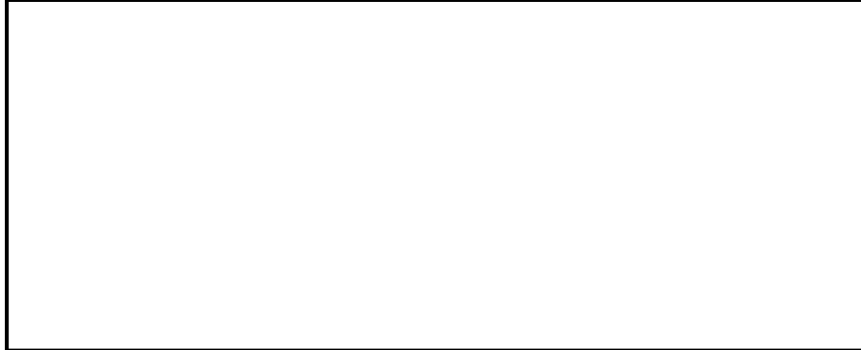
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At C.P. headquarters on [redacted] these people were seen.



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All marked with an asterisk were in the Worker office. They seemed to be very busy with a mailing.

No one was busy in the State or National Offices.

[redacted] work room cutting articles from a huge pile of the Times.

[redacted] board room alone with a huge pile of typed papers and news papers on the table. When asked she was asked how she was she said she was worked to death. When asked why she worked so hard she said she did it because she was a damned fool. She said she was writing an article for the Worker.

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[redacted] talked to someone on the phone and told the person who seemed to be a woman that she had not called her because she had moved and had been too busy. She told the person she was now living alone at [redacted]

[redacted] She said she would see her soon and would give her her phone number then. [redacted] said she did not want to talk to this person on her own phone as she was almost afraid to even talk to her mother on it. She told the person that her own mother did not know where she was living. But she said that she went to see her mother and her little boy every day after work. She said at one point that she was not telling any one where she lived as she did not want her address known by too many people. Then she laughed and said "just by the right people - you know." She told the person that she did not want to get into any kind of trouble.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-94)

3/15/61

SAC, NEW YORK (100-96985)

CPUSA
UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet, 3/9/61 and Chicago airtel, 2/28/61.

The following comments are being made concerning JACK STACHEL, PHIL BART and BETTY GANNETT, who according to GUS HALL, have been assigned the task of arranging a skeleton apparatus in regard to an underground apparatus for the CPUSA (although not identical with that in operation in the early 1950s).

JACK STACHEL

STACHEL is a member of the National Committee, CPUSA. He is primarily concerned with the review of the contents of "The Worker" newspaper. During the past two decades, he has done no organizational work nor has he had any organizational assignment for the CPUSA. On a daily basis, he visits CP Headquarters, where he spends the entire day. Rarely does he leave the building for lunch. He is not a robust individual and has had a history of heart trouble.

During 1955 and 1956, STACHEL was a subject of intensified investigation by the New York Office. Due to his lack of activity, intensified investigation of STACHEL was discontinued. Observation of his CP assignments and activity since that time have not warranted a recommendation of STACHEL for reinstitution of intensified investigation.

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-94) (RM)
- 1 - NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (414)
- 1 - NY (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-96985) (415)

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In view of information furnished in referenced Chicago airtel, a separate communication will be forwarded to the Bureau requesting specific authority to implement intensified coverage of STACHEL. Physical surveillances of STACHEL were initiated upon receipt of reairtel. Recent contact with the superintendent of STACHEL'S residence determined that both STACHEL and his wife continue to live the identical life now as they had during our prior intensified coverage.

PHIL BART

As the Bureau points out the present intensified coverage of BART is considered adequate. It is felt that the extensive coverage of BART at home and in the office gives us good comprehensive coverage of his activities to the point that any unusual activity and/or contact on the part of BART will be noted. By separate communication, Bureau authority has been requested to add to the coverage of BART at his residence.

BETTY GANNETT

Coverage of BETTY GANNETT at CP Headquarters is identical with that of PHIL BART. By this comprehensive coverage on GANNETT while she is at the headquarters office, the New York Office should be able to note any unusual activity and/or contacts on the part of GANNETT. The New York Office is attempting to develop a highly confidential source at GANNETT'S residence, dependent upon the success of this will make specific request of the Bureau for a survey for extended coverage at her residence.

It is noted that [redacted] was instituted to give additional coverage of GANNETT at her residence and was in effect for three months during the past year. However, due to lack of information furnished by this source it was discontinued. Physical surveillances are maintained on GANNETT dictated by information received from coverage of her activity at headquarters, where she is on a daily basis.

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In addition to the coverage of STACHIEL, CANNETT and BART, the New York Office, has among other CP members, placed GUS HALL under its intensified investigative program. It is felt that the results of any meeting of STACHIEL, CANNETT and BART will be reported to HALL and any additional progress by this committee will also be reported. As pointed out in reairtel, HALL, himself, intends to disappear for several weeks shortly after the Supreme Court decision, should it be adverse to the Party. The case file on HALL is being reviewed for possible contacts of HALL while he will be away and a separate communication will be set out with specific leads based upon possible contacts HALL might make.

NY 694-S* and [redacted] will be appropriately advised of the Bureau's continuing interest in this matter and will be alerted to the possibility of the CP forming an underground apparatus. It will be explained to both informants that the period after the Supreme Court decision will require their close attention to the initiation of an underground apparatus and the need for both to be alert and advise of any developments pertaining to the CP efforts in this regard. b7D

The informants of the New York Office, on a national, district, county and club level, will be contacted to be alert for any information they may obtain concerning the formation of an underground apparatus. We will remain alert during the intensified coverage of other national leaders of the CP for any indication of the formation of an underground apparatus. Unusual contacts and activities of leaders of the CPUSA will be noted and appropriate investigation will be conducted to determine any connection with an underground apparatus.

A separate communication is being sent to Chicago to recontact CG 5824-S* to clarify the type of skeleton apparatus being set up by STACHIEL, CANNETT and BART since GUS HALL stated in no case will there be any reinstitution of the type of underground apparatus as was in effect in the early 1950s. Upon receipt of more specific information as to the type of underground apparatus being set up, the Bureau may wish to advise all offices of this information since any CP/underground apparatus which may be set up will necessarily effect all CP districts.

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A lead will be set out for the Washington Field Office to attempt to set up liaison to receive advanced and/or immediate notification of any Supreme Court decision effecting CP operations and through this to notify the Bureau and interested offices so as to alert sources for any unusual CP activity.

The New York Office appreciates the absolute necessity of obtaining detailed advanced knowledge of the setting up and operation of a CP underground apparatus. All available techniques will be employed to obtain this information and the Bureau will be immediately notified of any information obtained in this regard.

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Remarks:

The following individual was seen at CP head-
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-102)

3/16/61

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-128861)

SUBJECT: CP, USA FUNDS
(RESERVE FUNDS)

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On 2/20/61, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON that the secret finance committee, composed of ISADORE WOFSY, LEMENT HARRIS and JACK CHILDS, operating the CP, USA National Office reserve fund, met on 2/16/61, in NYC. A report was given to the committee by ISADORE WOFSY concerning 1960 income of above fund: probable 1961 income, and a statement of reserve fund assets as of the beginning of 1961. This report is summarized as follows:

- 2- Bureau (100-3-102) (RM)
- 1- Boston (100-17116) (DOROTHY DOUGLAS) (RM)
- 2- Newark (RM)
 - (1-100-35161) (LOU ROBERTS)
 - (1-100-2974) (MARTHA STONE)
- 1- Philadelphia (100-30295) (CP FUNDS) (RM)
- 1- San Francisco (100-2247) (GRACE MC DONALD) (RM)
- 1- New York (134-91) (INV)
- 1- New York (100-18672) (MAX WEISS) (421)
- 1- New York (100-19679) (ISADORE WOFSY) (415)
- 1- New York (100-7658) (LEM HARRIS) (423)
- 1- New York (100-64061) (JACK CHILDS) (41)
- 1- New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-111203) (ROY LEVISON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-47632) [REDACTED] (415)
- 1- New York (100-68229) (VICTOR RABINOWITZ) (424)
- 1- New York (100-107164) (BENEDICT WOLF) (412)
- 1- New York (100-8048) (MARTIN POPPER) (352)
- 1- New York (100-93787) [REDACTED]
- 1- New York (100-128861) (415)

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1- New York (100-116966) [REDACTED]
1- New York (100-82558) [REDACTED]
1- New York (100-25849) (EDWARD BARSKY) (425)
1- New York (100-66938) (BOB COE) (41)
1- New York (100-70303) (12th-13th Realty Corp) (41)
1- New York (100-63188) (THOMAS RICHARDSON) (423)
1- New York (100-134501) (Dutchess Realty Corp) (415)
1- New York (100-79725) (Wingdale Camp) (41)
1- New York (100-31769) (Prompt Press) (41)
1- New York (100-58757) [REDACTED]
1- New York (100-94412) (F&D Printing Co.) (41)
1- New York (100-47211) (STEVE NELSON) (424)
1- New York (100-130351) (575 6th Ave. Realty Corp.) (41)
1- New York (100-121151) (KNICKERBOCKER BINDERY) (41)
1- New York (100-21421) (ALEX TRACHTENBERG) (415)
1- New York (100-57557) (International Publishers) (415)
1- New York (100-103949) (Imported Publications and Products) (41)
1- New York (100-129629) (BILL ALBERTSON) (414)
1- New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)

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1960 DONATIONS

STAN and ROY (LEVISON)

[REDACTED]	\$12,000
Mrs. SMITH (DOROTHY DOUGLAS)	3,200
GRACE of California (GRACE MC DONALD)	3,000
LOU ROBERTS	3,000
VICTOR RABINOWITZ	300
WOLF, POPPER, ROSS, WOLF and JONES	3,000
Dr. EDWARD BARSKY (Group of doctors)	3,000
BOB COE	3,500
Wall Street Group	2,000
Building at 35 E. 12th St., NYC	200
Richardson Mortgage	6,000
Rental from Wingdale Camp	800
	2,500
	<u>\$42,500</u>

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ESTIMATED 1961 DONATIONS

STAN and ROY (LEVISON)

[REDACTED]	\$8,000
Mrs. SMITH (DOROTHY DOUGLAS)	5,000 *
GRACE of California (GRACE MC DONALD)	3,000
LOU ROBERTS	3,000
VICTOR RABINOWITZ	2,000
WOLF, POPPER, ROSS, WOLF and JONES	2,000
Dr. EDWARD BARSKY (Group of doctors)	3,000
Building at 35 E. 12th St., NYC	3,500
Richardson Mortgage	6,000
Rental from Wingdale Camp	800
	2,500
	<u>\$38,800</u>

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* A court decision is pending, due to be rendered this year, involving a large sum of money for [redacted] If the decision is favorable, [redacted] may give a "very large" donation to the Party.

ASSETS AS OF 1/1/61

35 E. 12th St., Building, NYC	\$225,000
Prompt Press	75,000*
Wingdale, NY Camp	100,000
April Farm (Pennsylvania)	10,000
TOM RICHARDSON Home	9,000
US Government treasury bond in escrow with Attorney [redacted] on sale of F&D Printing Co.	5,000
Bail bonds (US Government Treasury bonds: MAX WEISS case- \$5,500; MARTHA STONE case \$2,000; STEVE NELSON case \$1,500)	9,000
Equity in 23 W. 26th St., Building	31,000
	<u>\$464,000</u>

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*Includes inventory and machinery of Knickerbocker Bindery as well as properties of New Union Press.

NY 694-S* noted above listing of assets did not reflect funds held by ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG from the sale of the Jefferson School of Social Science building, nor the assets of International Publishers or Imported Publications and Products.

NY 694-S* added that, according to WOFSY, BILL ALBERTSON is making an inquiry on the instructions of GUS HALL with regard to International Publishers with a view to reorganization. TRACHTENBERG is resisting this move, but GUS HALL is determined that changes should be made, especially

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to remove TRACHTENBERG from sole control of this organization.

NY 694-S* also pointed out that henceforth GUS HALL is to be considered a member of above mentioned secret committee, and will be in constant touch with the other three members. PHIL BART, present CP, USA National Organizational Secretary, is to have no further connection with this committee. ✓

Extreme caution must be utilized in handling and reporting the information set forth above in order to fully protect NY 694-S*. No dissemination of this information should be made outside the Bureau without careful paraphrasing in such a way as not to disclose the source.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
March 16, 1961

Bufile 100-3-69

Re: Communist Party,
United States of America - Organization
Internal Security - C

A confidential source reported on March 15, 1961, that according to a top functionary of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), the CPUSA Secretariat is being replaced by a National Board as the result of a decision made at a CPUSA National Executive Committee meeting held on March 9th and 10th at CP headquarters, New York City.

The aforementioned source advised that, according to the CPUSA top functionary mentioned above, the following members of the CPUSA National Committee would be members of the newly formed CPUSA National Board: Gus Hall, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, James Jackson, Hyman Lumer, Benjamin J. Davis, Philip Bart, and Claude Lightfoot. Working for and with the said National Board, but not as actual members thereof, will be the following members of the CPUSA National Committee: William Weinstone, Clarence Hathaway, and Arnold Johnson.

The CPUSA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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New York, New York

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Title	Communist Party, United States of America - Organization
Character	Internal Security - C
Reference	New York memorandum, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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DATE: 3/16/61

Transmit the following via AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)
SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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(OO:NY)

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting that the CPUSA Secretariat is being replaced by a National Board as the result of a decision made at CPUSA National Executive Committee meeting held on March 9th and 10th at CP headquarters, NYC.

The confidential source utilized in the letterhead memorandum is NY 694-S, who advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON on 3/15/61, that on that date GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, had furnished the above information.

This memorandum has been classified "~~Confidential~~" because it contains information from a source the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the CPUSA. Such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

3-Bureau (100-3-69) (Encls. 8) (RM)
1-Chicago (61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) (Encl. 1) (RM)
1-NY 134-91 (INV.) (41)
1-NY 100-84994 (GUS HALL) (415)
1-NY 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
1-NY 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
1-NY 100-105078 (HYMAN LUMER) (415)
1-NY 100-23825 (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.) (415)
1-NY 100-56579 (PHILIP BART) (415)
1-NY 100-9595 (WILLIAM WEINSTONE) (415)
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Due to the sensitive nature of this Source, care should be utilized in the disseminating of this information:

DE 604-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 17, 1961, that BILLY ALLAN informed CARL WINTER that he had received a letter from PHIL BART indicating that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was taking the 6:15 P.M. train from New York and was scheduled to arrive Saturday, February 18, 1961, at 7:30 A.M. in Detroit. ALLAN said that expenses were \$125.00 for fare, plus the hotel expenses in Detroit. ALLAN said that the letter stated that it would be appreciated if the expenses were given to her, since they were only able to give her one-way fare. ALLAN said that he did not know whether they should give her \$125.00 or not, in view of the fact that she would be staying with the WINTER's, and there would be no hotels involved.

CARL WINTER said that he would pick ELIZABETH up when she arrived in Detroit.

Later on the same date, this Informant advised that ALLAN informed CARL WINTER that the reactionaries had gotten to the Ukrainian Hall and the hall had been canceled. It is to be noted that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was scheduled to speak at the Ukrainian Hall on the night of February 18, 1961. ALLAN indicated that the Chamber of Commerce, of the Ukrainian Democratic Party had been in touch with the leadership of the hall so the hall was forced to cancel the affair. ALLAN noted that he had just rented Nowak Hall for Saturday night. ALLAN said that he had received a call from the Chairman of the committee and they were willing to pay ALLAN \$100.00. ALLAN said that they were having a meeting at the hall and he was going to go out there and try to convince them to allow the affair to meet, but he knew before he went that he did not stand a chance.

- 2 - New York (REGISTERED)
 (1 - 100-56579 - PHIL BART)
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1 - 100-307 (BILLY ALLAN)
1 - 100-13420 (CARL WINTER)
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WINTER thought that this cancellation would mean that they would have no audience for the affair the following night, and both ALLAN and WINTER were quite upset over the cancellation of the hall. ALLAN made the statement that the FBI had been working out there to sabotage the meeting. ALLAN said that he had been told the previous day that the FBI had been out there during the week and had talked to the people. ALLAN said that "We're under a real attack". WINTER thought that ALLAN should go out to the meeting and try to show the committee that all of this was a bluff, just like on other occasions.

RECOMMENDATION

No further action necessary.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: 3-16-61

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The information on the following page was orally furnished on March 14, 1961, by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN and was reduced to writing on March 15, 1961.

In connection with this information, the source advised that it was received on March 14, 1961, during a detailed briefing of the source by JAMES WEST, a member of the National Executive Committee, Communist Party, USA. The briefing by WEST was made from detailed notes prepared by him at the meeting for the specific purpose of this briefing. Therefore, however, it must be bore in mind that this information is hearsay to the source and there could be inaccuracies contained therein.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Baltimore (RM)
 - 1 - 100-12076 (GEORGE MEYERS)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, MARYLAND DISTRICT - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)
- 2 - Cleveland (RM)
 - 1 - 65-721 (ANTON KRCHMAREK)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, OHIO DISTRICT - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)
- 4 - Detroit (RM)
 - 1 - 100-8482 (TOMMY DENNIS)
 - 1 - 100-13420 (CARL WINTER)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, MICHIGAN DISTRICT - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)
 - 1 - 100-17161 (CP, MICHIGAN DISTRICT - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)

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- 1 - 100-4663 (BEN DOBBS)
- 1 - 100-4486 (DOROTHY HEALY)
- 1 - 100- (LINUS PAULING)
- 1 - 100-16439 (FRANK WILKINSON)
- 1 - 100-26044 (CP, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT - ORGANIZATION)
- 1 - 100- (CP, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT - DOMESTIC
ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)
- 1 - 100- (LCPAF)

28 - New York (RM)

- 1 - 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
- ① - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
- 1 - 100-25623 (ERIC BERT)
- 1 - 100-9369 (TED BASSETT)
- 1 - 100-23825 (BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.)
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- 1 - 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON)
- 1 - 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH)
- 1 - 100-118174 (MILTON ROSEN)
- 1 - 100-64074 (NATHAN ROSENBLUTH)
- 1 - 100-18065 (JACOB STACHEL)
- 1 - 100-9595 (WILLIAM WEINSTONE)
- 1 - 100- (CP, USA - BRIEF)
- 1 - 100-89691 (CP, USA - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)
- 1 - 100-87211 (CP, USA - FACTIONALISM)
- 1 - 100-74560 (CP, USA - FUNDS)
- 1 - 100-86624 (CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
- 1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
- 1 - 100-81675 (CP, USA - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
- 1 - 100-137834 (NALC)
- 1 - 100-4013 (SWP)
- 1 - 100- (WORLD PEACE COUNCIL)
- 1 - Philadelphia (RM) (65-1686) (THOMAS NABRIED)
- 2 - San Francisco (RM)
 - 1 - 65-1242 (MICKEY LIMA)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT - DOMESTIC
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- 1 - 100-18080 (RICHARD CRILEY)
- 1 - 100-12459 (FLO HALL)
- 1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
- 1 - 100-20289 (JAMES WEST)
- 1 - 100-19491 (CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)
- 1 - 100-18961 (CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
- 1 - 100-18953 (CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - ORGANIZATION)
- 1 - 100-37762 (CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE BILL OF RIGHTS)
- 1 - 100-38361 (SOUTH SIDE UNEMPLOYED ORGANIZING COMMITTEE)

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March 14, 1961

During the period of March 9-10, 1961, it has been learned that the National Executive Committee (NEC), Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), met in New York City and among those reported in attendance as either members of the NEC or as invited guests were the following:

GUS HALL
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
ARNOLD JOHNSON
BEN DAVIS
CARL WINTER
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
JAMES JACKSON
GEORGE MEYERS
JAMES WEST
HYMAN LUMER
MICKEY LIMA
DOROTHY HEALY
TED BASSETT
TOMMY DENNIS
BETTY GANNETT
IRVING POTASH
JACK STACHEL
PHIL BART

The agenda for this meeting has been disclosed as follows:

1. Report on unemployment.
2. Report by the task force on organization of the National Center.
3. Discussion on matters of legal defense for the Party.
4. A report on peace.
5. Discussion on a daily paper.
6. The question of the Party constitution.

The first item discussed at this meeting was the question on the CP, USA constitution. Nine people were appointed to a subcommittee to draft a revised constitution. Among those appointed were the following:

WILLIAM WEINSTONE
WILLIAM ALBERTSON
TOMMY DENNIS
BEN DOBBS
ARNOLD JOHNSON
FLO HALL
TOM NABRIED
ERIC BERT
PHIL BART

After the above individuals had been nominated for this subcommittee, BEN DAVIS nominated two additional persons, namely, MILT ROSEN and NATE ROSENBLUTH. Neither of DAVIS' nominations to this subcommittee were appointed.

The purpose of this committee was to see to it that the constitution of the Party was so framed that it amplifies the question of Democratic centralism. The committee is to go over the constitution so as to be certain that it is in keeping with legality and that there is no point therein that can be subject to a legal charge of the government. Particular attention will be paid to the court decisions so that the constitution will be in keeping with legality for the Party.

The next matter discussed was that of legal defense for the Party.

First action resulted in formally placing ARNOLD JOHNSON in charge of legal defense work.

Thereafter, ARNOLD JOHNSON presented a report on this matter wherein he stated that all Districts should set up defense committees. If the Districts cannot set up such committees, they should designate an individual in their District to be responsible for keeping in contact with the Defense Committee nationally.

JOHNSON praised the Los Angeles Committee to Preserve American Freedoms headed by FRANK WILKINSON on the West Coast, and the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights headed by RICHARD CRILEY. JOHNSON felt that these Committees had done some real positive work.

JOHNSON noted that as a result of the recent United States Supreme Court decision affecting FRANK WILKINSON and CARL BRADEN, a whirlwind tour has been arranged for these people prior to the time they will have to go to jail. One such meeting is being arranged for Chicago,

JOHNSON then discussed the possibility of an adverse court decision affecting the Party and noted that as yet, the Party has no new organizational setup. However, the Party is preparing to carry on legal maneuvering to stretch out the implementation of such a decision and if necessary, to do this for at least several years. This will enable the Party in one form or another to carry on its work.

The next item on the agenda discussed was a report of the task force on organization of the National Center. BENJAMIN DAVIS gave the report and the following points were discussed:

1. Structure of headquarters.
2. Work of personnel, committees and commissions.
3. Economy in finance.
4. How headquarters functions.
5. The style of work.

In discussions, those present were very concerned on the matter of authority of the leadership and the conclusion was reached that there would have to be a reorganization of the National Center.

It was then decided that in place of the currently existing Secretariat, a Resident Board would be created with authority. This Resident Board would meet at least every two weeks while the now existing NEC would meet at least once every two months. A Resident Board was then selected, consisting of ten members among whom were the following:

GUS HALL
HYMAN LUMER
JAMES JACKSON
JACK STACHEL
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
PHIL BART
BEN DAVIS
CLARENCE HATHAWAY

The tenth member of the Resident Board, though not definitely known, is believed to be possibly IRVING POTASH.

In regard to the nature of the setup of the Resident Board, CARL WINTER of Detroit entered an objection. He felt there should have been paid more attention to the rank-and-file CP membership in connection with the composition of the Board. However, he did not vote against the composition of the Resident Board but was recorded as not voting.

Following the selection of the Resident Board, the task force on organization of the National Center was discharged from its duties with a note of thanks. The remaining problems dealing with organization of the Center will now be handled by the Resident Board.

The next item brought up for discussion, though not on the listed agenda, was the election of a Chairman of the CP, USA.

GUS HALL raised the problem and noted that he had been doing a lot of thinking on the matter. He then turned the floor over to CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT.

LIGHTFOOT then proceeded to nominate ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN to the position of Chairman, CP, USA, and made a very good speech praising her both as a person and for her Party work.

BEN DAVIS immediately rose and seconded the nomination, but added that he disagreed. What CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT said regarding FLYNN may be true, but DAVIS felt the CP, USA did not in fact need a Chairman at that time. If a Chairman is to be elected, he should be a Negro. The effects of the domestic situation in the United States on the CP point out the need of a Negro as Chairman of the Party.

JAMES JACKSON then arose and spoke in favor of FLYNN. He followed with an oration on the need for and the role of the Negro cadre in the CP. He claimed the Negro today was not getting his proper dues in the Party. When while not speaking specifically of FLYNN, JACKSON noted that the Party must not treat the Negro in a patronizing manner.

ARNOLD JOHNSON then spoke commenting that he too thought that a Negro should be Chairman of the Party. He mentioned he had been thinking of either JAMES JACKSON or BEN DAVIS in this regard but that he would not vote against FLYNN.

GEORGE MEYERS followed and spoke giving an endorsement of FLYNN.

The next speaker was WILLIAM PATTERSON who endorsed FLYNN for Chairman of the CP. He added the comment that the Party Chairman was to be given responsibility for Negro work and lead the fight for civil rights.

At this point, JOHNSON spoke for a second time stating that when he thinks of a Chairman for the CP, he felt that such must be a person who would suit both the Party and the masses. That if only the masses were involved, he would be for DAVIS, but where both must be considered, FLYNN was the better choice.

Finally, GUS HALL got up and spoke on behalf of FLYNN. He was clear and emphatic. He noted that we have a tendency to minimize ideology and pay too much attention to personalities. He stated it was obvious that if one was to be in the leadership, he must fight but this fight must be maintained on ideological levels.

HALL felt that the Negro comrades should not be looked upon as a group. The people that have spoken here on the topic were one-sided. The cadre problem is important but one needs to look at it and put it objectively. Unless one can engage in self-criticism, he or she loses the ability to be objective.

HALL noted that he had given a lot of consideration to the thought of nominating BEN DAVIS as Chairman of the Party, but he personally believed that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN is a better choice.

He stated he felt that there were some among those present who felt that they should have been nominated for the position of Chairman for the Party. If so, they should reflect in their own minds as to why they were not so nominated. Then, if they still feel that they should have been nominated, they should say so and set out their strong and weak points for the benefit of those present.

JIM WEST then made the proposal that the total of 22 votes cast in the election of FLYNN be made unanimous. He requested BEN DAVIS as to whether he would withdraw his objection and record his vote in favor of FLYNN. DAVIS refused and abstained from voting. However, it was agreed that any release made to the public press on the matter of the election of FLYNN as the new Chairman of the Party would make no reference to the lack of unanimity.

The next matter discussed was the question of the new daily paper. In this connection, HALL indicated that the following had been decided upon.

There will be set up an independent commission to establish a daily paper separate from "The Worker". That there will be a continuation for the last six months of the efforts to sell the bonds which are to finance this publication. After six months, they will take stock and see how things are going. However, under any condition it will be known within a year if means are available to set up such a paper.

The proposal was made and approved that the fund raising drive for this new daily paper not request funds from the West Coast. However, the Southern California District has agreed that they would talk to individuals and groups without a public campaign on the need for the establishment of a new daily paper. This would be their way of helping the national daily paper and might supply some money.

Next on the agenda was a report on peace presented by ARNOLD JOHNSON.

JOHNSON commented on petitions now being circulated entitled "An Appeal to Stop the Spread of Nuclear Weapons" which was addressed "To the United Nations and to all Nations in the World". This petition read in part that the undersigned men and women "urge that the present nuclear powers not transfer nuclear weapons to other nations or groups of nations such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization or the Warsaw Pact, that all nations not now possessing these weapons voluntarily refrain from obtaining or developing them, and that the United Nations and all nations increase their efforts to achieve total and universal disarmament with a system of international controls and inspection such as to insure to the greatest possible extent, the safety of all nations and all people." Following this statement, there appears the signatures of LINUS PAULING and AVA HELEN PAULING.

JOHNSON noted that the deadline for the signed petitions is April 15, 1961. In May, 1961, such prominent individuals as ALBERT SCHWEITZER, BERTRAM RUSSELL and Dr. ROBERT HUTCHINS and other personalities would present these petitions, apparently to the United Nations. By that time it is hoped that several million signatures of prominent persons from around the globe will have been secured.

In the meantime, the group distributing and handling the petitions will organize conferences, rallies, and the like, and report back. None of these affairs, however, will be held in competition with any now existing peace groups of the nature of SANE.

The task of the Party in regard to this matter is to seek out and give clues as to the identities of prominent individuals who would be willing to sign the petition and work with them.

JOHNSON stated that the forthcoming Labor Peace Conference scheduled to be held in Chicago is to be considered one of the most important happenings in this field to date. He stated it was not felt that the group or its sponsors would have to face the difficulties of the past since there now exists a rift among the top leadership of the AFL-CIO, namely, GEORGE MEANY and WALTER REUTHER. This rift between the top leadership will prevent objections in connection with the organization of the Chicago Conference.

The Party feels that the Chicago Conference will make it possible to hold similar type conferences on a smaller local scale since, if a trade union leader participated in such a meeting as the Chicago Conference, which was of national scope, the trade union leadership could not object to similar participation in local meetings on this same issue.

JOHNSON stated that "The Worker" would prepare a special edition in the future to deal with the Easter Peace Marches to be held during April throughout the country.

He instructed that the various Districts search out for individuals who would begin to correspond with the World Peace Council. It was hoped that if such individuals are put in contact with the World Peace Council that someone in this country might eventually affiliate with it. If this is accomplished, then they could build such peace councils in the United States. He noted that this summer, there would be a European Peace Conference and if some peace councils have been formed by that time, it might be possible to get them to participate in the European Conference.

JOHNSON then commented that this summer, the Party will pay much more attention to the annual Hiroshima Day held throughout the world which relates to peace activities.

JOHNSON also issued a warning that the Trotskyites have moved in a big way into the various peace movements and that the Party must do something to stop them.

Finally, he made a request that each District set up a peace commission.

The last point of the agenda to be discussed was that on unemployment. The main report was given by HY LUMER under the title of "The Economic Situation and Unemployment". Among his remarks were the following,

The United States industrial production during the present year has declined eight percent as compared to the last year; however, the recession is not as deep as in 1957-58 when production fell 14½ percent. The biggest drop in production has been in the durable goods industries. One field in which production has dropped more than in the previous recession of 1957-58 is housing. Actually how far the drop will go is now questionable, but the bourgeois circles are now looking for an upswing in production. It is LUMER's opinion that the decline in production will be ten percent before an upswing commences or that it may even go lower and reach the magnitude of the 1957-58 recession.

The bourgeois circles, which see an upswing in production, also see a continuing big unemployment force. They also do not foresee a real big pickup in production. For example, the steel industry is not expected to exceed its 1960 production figure.

The important thing, according to Marxists, is the long-term trend. Presently new investments in plants and equipment is not as high as it has been in the past. To repeat, steel production continues low. There is also a saturated housing market. There is also high unemployment and lower capital investment. Therefore, the long-term trend points to the same cycle of crises greater than the one before. Presently some parts of the capitalist world are booming, but any slackening in these countries is bound to have an effect on the United States economy because this would restrict American markets. He then went into the question of growing unemployment and it was his conclusion that what is called structural unemployment is growing. It is growing outside of the economic cycle and continues to grow in each cycle. 28 percent of the total jobless have been out of work for 15 weeks or more and there has been an increase in unemployment in the chronic unemployment areas. This unemployment has been accompanied by much unemployment among youth, something which did not happen before.

The Negro and the Puerto Rican are the most affected workers among the unemployed. He felt that the conclusion is apparent that unemployment is becoming a cumulative problem after each recession and that there is going to be a big demand for action by the unemployed. LUMER is worried that while capital investment may be small compared to that in the past, it is still a substantial sum and will add to overproduction and unemployment.

The government spending has retarded the recession cycle, but cannot prevent it.

There then followed a discussion on the report of LUMER from individuals representing various areas of the United States. Among the first speaker was MICKEY LIMA, representing the Northern California District. LIMA stated that unemployment in Northern California has reached the highest figure in recent years. In California, it is higher than the national average. Its lumber industry, 22 percent of the work force, is unemployed. Although there is discontent among the unemployed and a stirring among the labor movement, the labor movement as such is not moving with any speed to put forth the demands of the unemployed.

The next speaker was DOROTHY HEALY, representing the Southern California District, who commented as follows.

7.8 percent of the work force in that area is unemployed. Among the unemployed Negro, the percentage has reached 20 percent. Whatever plans there are to increase production, these are not to help employment but are to aid technological improvement to increase production which compounds the unemployment problem. The biggest demand in that area is for a shorter work-week.

The Communist pamphlet on unemployment was well received by the unemployed in that area. However, the leadership of the Southern California District thought the leaflet contained too much stress on socialism and not enough emphasis on the anti-monopoly struggle.

The next speaker was TOMMY DENNIS, representing the Michigan District, who commented as follows:

In Michigan, 13.4 percent of the working force is unemployed. There is a big movement in the auto union and auto industry and trade union movement in general on the question of unemployment.

The next speaker was TED BASSETT who commented as follows:

The conclusion to be drawn as a result of his attendance at the Negro American Labor Council meeting in Washington recently was that the main reports at that meeting emphasized that the Negro people were facing a major crisis - the greatest crisis since the Civil War. The Negro people are living off the dole. They are being restricted to humble and poor ghettos. They are being excluded from industry such as steel, auto and housing. They no longer have footholds in the automotive industries. In New York, they recently eliminated 25,000 elevator operators through installation of automatic systems and an overwhelming majority of those jobs eliminated were held by Negroes.

At this point, BETTY GANNETT made comments on the unemployment situation in New York State. She was filling in at this point for MILT ROSEN who was ill. Among her comments were the following.

There are 600,000 unemployed in New York. In the city of Buffalo, 20 percent of the working force is unemployed. Each month 16,000 new unemployed are added to the relief rolls, yet Governor ROCKEFELLER has proposed a cut in the relief budget. In the city of Buffalo, the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers collected 10,000 signatures on a petition relating to the question of unemployment in a very few hours. In New York State, the trade unions are doing very little as yet to organize the unemployed. The Party is quite active and is holding discussions on the vital question of unemployment.

In the Bedford Stuyvesant section of New York City, there are plans to call a conference of a number of committees consisting of businessmen, workers, and etc. who feel the situation is so bad that they must find a solution to the unemployment problem. In PTAs in New York City, the fight is being conducted for the institution of hot lunch programs for the needy and unemployed, and this is how the Party is getting the PTA involved in the struggle for unemployed.

The next speaker was IRVING POTASH who commented as follows.

80,000 copies of the CP, USA's leaflet on unemployment were printed, of which 40,000 were issued in New York City, and 20,000 in the remainder of the United States. Of this 20,000, 5,000 went to Illinois and 5,000 to Ohio. Still on hand are 20,000 copies of this leaflet and it is hoped that the Districts would order them.

It was noted that very often the Party uses conflicting figures in regard to unemployment and other matters, but hereafter, the NEC will use as its source information, the publication "Economic Notes" and there will be consistency in such figures.

The Party is against gradualism in the fight for a 30 hour week. By gradualism it is meant the process of spreading over a five year period, the ten hour reduction in the work-week.

BEN DAVIS then spoke commenting that the Negro American Labor Council must be the center for unemployment councils.

The next speaker was JACK STACHEL and among his comments were the following.

The Party is beginning to show some action in the field of unemployment, but this is not uniform throughout the country because some Districts have carried further a lot of activity and some Districts hardly any.

He dealt with the problem of the permanent character of unemployment and felt that the Party must be prepared to tell people that they will have structural unemployment regardless of the trend of the economy. This has a horrible effect on the Negro and will weaken the alliance of the Negro people and the trade union movement. The Negro people will have to do something in behalf of their own interests. They will lose trade union membership and the trade union movement will decline. This is what happened in the economic crisis of 1929. This is why the CIO was born to challenge the conservative leadership. The labor movement must continue to organize the unemployed and those not yet organized.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a member of the Illinois District, spoke next and among his comments were the following.

The report and the facts show that the CP is not yet fully involved in the movement on behalf of the unemployed. One of the problems to overcome is realizing the permanency of the unemployed. When we see things getting worse, we are geared for it. The Party must become more involved with the unemployed since these unemployed can break down anti-Communism and expose the real enemy and gain friends.

There has been a modest beginning in organizing the unemployed on Chicago's South Side. On Chicago's West Side, they have an unemployed council organized which rents space in a church.

The next speaker was GEORGE MEYERS, representing the Maryland District, who commented as follows.

There are 100,000 jobless persons in Maryland. There has been a tremendous response to the recently issued Party leaflet. The people are not only worried by the unemployed, but also by the high cost of living and high rents.

Recently, the United Auto Workers (UAW) opened up some centers for unemployed in Maryland.

CARL WINTER was the next speaker who spoke on behalf of ANTON KRCHMAREK of the Ohio District who was absent. Among his remarks were the following.

Ohio up to the present time did not have a high unemployment rate because of the diversity of its industrial capacity. Now, however, they have been hit. The chief fight not taking place in Ohio involves action in the legislature to increase the unemployment compensation. Recently there was a trade union conference on unemployment held at Columbus, Ohio, attended by 3,000 trade unionists, half of whom were unemployed. For the unemployed, the trade unions paid transportation costs to Columbus.

In the State of Michigan, six UAW locals as a result of left pressures have raised the slogan, "30-40-60" which means 30 hours of work for 40 hours of pay per week and retirement at age 60. A campaign to publicize this is being carried on in the auto area of Michigan. It has been stated that the reduction to a 30 hour week has been agreed to by the unions during a five year period. However, some disputed that the UAW had agreed to gradualism.

In again speaking of Ohio, 6,000 copies of the Party's unemployment leaflet had been distributed and 4,000 copies of "The Worker" supplement on unemployment had been distributed. In Youngstown, Ohio alone the Party distributed 2,000 unemployment leaflets.

On the West Side of Detroit, there has already been set up an unemployment council with COLEMAN YOUNG in charge, and in that area, 2,000 copies of "The Worker" supplement were distributed.

WINTER then noted that recently, a conference of the UAW was held in Michigan on the subject of unemployment. This was a closed conference but WINTER indicated he had been able to walk in although others were denied admittance.

HYMAN LUMER did not want to make a summary of his report and the discussion which resulted on the topic of unemployment. Instead he proposed he write up a summary including the discussions of the others which would be published in pamphlet form.

He did note, however, that he felt there would be a terrific fight against government spending by monopoly capital who would resist spending for peace. If spending is to equal even a small part of the military budget there must be a movement with lots of pressure.

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JOE NORTH
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On 3/3/61, NY 2858-S* advised that, during a conversation between PHIL BART and JAMES JACKSON, BART asked, "Did you write to JOE (NORTH) about continuing?" JACKSON replied, "Yes, I put the following proposition: That if the grant that he is getting is that he should let us know at once and that we make the following arrangements - that if he is going to stay there, we would pay him \$25.00 per week and he would send us an article a week or a column a week and whatever special event occurs he can send more. When JIM (ALLEN?) comes, he can take JOE's (NORTH's) place on 'The Worker' for the interim and he can still function with 'Political Affairs' as an associate editor."

BART commented, "I'm proposing that JIM (ALLEN?) take over foreign affairs. We have nobody handling that."

1-NY (100-32826) (JAMES ALLEN) (415)
1-NY (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
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CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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On 3/3/61, NY 2359-S* advised that, during a conversation between HY LUMER and PHIL BART, LUMER asked BART, "Who do you have on the Org. Commission now?" BART replied, "The Org. Commission is now composed of myself, (JACK) STACHEL, IRVING (POTASH), HY (LUMER), BEN (DAVIS), (LOUIS) WEINSTOCK and JIM (JACKSON) was on it but requested, because of the burden of his work, that he be removed. It's really a body composed of department heads with the single exception of the Negro Commission which hasn't anybody on there."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63)

Date: 3/16/61

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - FUNDS
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On 2/14/61, NY 2002-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to the NYO photographic reproductions of various CP, USA National Office records and documents. Included in this material were memos reflecting comments and certain changes effected in National Office bookkeeping by CHARLES DIRBA, CP Auditor, as follows:

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-63) (RM)
- 1 - Boston (100-) (HOMER CHASE) (RM)
- 4 - Chicago (RM)
 - 1 - (61-) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
 - 1 - (100-) (G. LIGHTFOOT)
 - 1 - (100-) [REDACTED]
 - 1 - (100-17769) (CP FUNDS)
- 4 - Los Angeles (RM)
 - 1 - (100-23488) (CP FUNDS)
 - 1 - (100-) (PETTIS PERRY)
 - 1 - (100-) (DOROTHY HEALY)
 - 1 - (100-) [REDACTED]
- 1 - Milwaukee (100-42-F) (RM)
- 1 - Minneapolis (100-1878-F) (RM)
- 1 - Philadelphia (100-30295) (RM)
- 1 - San Francisco (100-25085) (RM)
- 1 - Seattle (100-17605) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-68934) [REDACTED] (424)
- 1 - New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-9595) (WILLIAM WEINSTONE) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-128314) (NY STATE CP FUNDS) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-26776) (CHARLES DIRBA) (425)
- 1 - New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (97-169) ("The Worker") (415)
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"Dear Phil,-

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Here are the questions on which I'll call you up tomorrow noon for answers. We ought to clear off the items, as far as possible, before we close the books for 1960. (The copies of 12/1/60 statements, that I left with you, give details on all the old items.)

Question #1. If the Worker will settle for their rent direct, starting with Sep. 1st, shall we write off (to Contributions) the \$3300 due us for Rent up to Sep. 1st?

Q.#2. Shall we write off (to contributions) the following additional items due us from the Worker:
-- \$200.00 Loan given in Feb.'59?
-- 40.30 Loan given via James E. Jackson in July '60?

Q.#3. So. Calif., on their statement for October, charge us with \$600.00 paid to P. Perry, and they say that this was "authorized by Gus through Dorothy H." Gus did not remember about this. --Shall we allow it and enter it as "Hospitalization Exp". --or just as "Medical Exp."?

Q.#3. As per my conversation with Claude Lightfoot, shall I write off old loans to G. Lightfoot \$150.00 (to Smith Act Vict Aid)?
And old loan to [redacted] \$50.00 (to Staff Moving Exp. - she worked for us)?

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Q.#4. As per conversation with Claude Lightfoot, I am charging to Nat'l Negro Com work the Withholding and SS. Taxes (charged against us by Ill. Distr.), as having been spent for Fares-Phones-Lunches by Claude, from the \$90.00 paid by us weekly. That's O.K. I understand how it came about (although the procedure is wrong).

However, the question was left open in a way in regard to the \$195.15 Loan from Ill. Distr. to Claude L. in June '60. He said "this will have to be straightened out in connection with the expenses for N. N. Com work (\$25 per week)".

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Has this been straightened out? Shall I charge it off to N. N. Comm. work?

Q.#5. Shall I charge off the following old loans:

Amnesty Comm.	\$192.75	(to Defense Exp.)		
Wisc.	2.00	(to Distr. Indebted-		
		ness forgiven)		
No. Calif.	295.86	" "	"	
So. Dak.	1.80	" "	"	

(Note:- This will leave on the books -- \$160.33 due from E. Penn. on their rep. rec'd)
(in Oct. '60, which we should try to collect - or charge off at some later date.)
(-- also \$75.00 due from N.Y. St. since March '60, and not shown on N.Y. St. books.)
(We should take it up with the St. Office and try to collect it.)

Q.#6. Shall we write off Old Loan given to [redacted] [redacted] -- \$301.02, and charge it to Smith Act Victims Aid?

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(Note:- This will leave on the books the following individual loans, which we should try to collect as quickly as possible:

Hy Lumer	\$125.00
W.W.	25.00
Homer Chase	20.00
Ben Davis	35.00 (Bal.12/1/60)
[redacted]	99.00 (Bal.12/31/60)

O.K.? -- Please try to give me answers about as many of these questions as you can possibly determine by tomorrow noon. I'll just give you the number of the question over the phone, and will jot down your answer.

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Sincerely yours,

C. D."

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"Dear Phil:-

2/1/61

On my own responsibility as an accountant and auditor, I am "clearing off" certain old and doubtful items, as per attached copies of vouchers #25 and #26.

I have also, tentatively, crediting So. Calif. a/c and debiting "Welfare a/c - Hospitalization for P. Perry" for the \$600.00 paid by So Calif. and charged by them against our acct. on their Statement for October.

If some other disposition should be determined by you or the resp. Committee, -- or, if any "due us" items written off should be collected, -- I can always adjust the matter by appropriate entries on the books.

Sincerely yours,

C. D."

"#25. 12/31/60. To "clear off" L. & Exch. Items etc.

Dr. Travel Exp.	\$75.58	
Cr. Ill. Distr. a/c		\$75.58
Exp. listed on their report rec'd in Dec '59, but without voucher.		

Dr. Misc. Exp. - Cash Short	3.64	
Dupl. listing in vouchers of Nov. '60, not explained		

Dr. Negro Comm. Exp.	195.15	
Listed as Loan to C.L. but used by him for N. C. Fares - Phones & Lunches - to be sched out with Phil.		

Dr. Defense Exp.	192.75	
Entered as Loan to Amnesty Committee, in 1957 and 1960, but not collected		

Cr. Loans & Exch.		\$391.54"
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"#26. 12/31/60. To write off Old Loans and Exchanges
as uncollectible

Cr. Loans & Exch.-

[redacted] (Apr. '57)	\$301.82	
G. Lightfoot (Mch '57)	150.00	
[redacted] (Jun '57)	50.00	
No. Calif. (Nov '59)	295.86	
Wash. State (Dec '59)	59.70	
Wisc. (Oct '59)	2.00	
So. Dak. (July '60)	<u>1.80</u>	\$861.18

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Dr. Old Loans & Exch. Written off
as expenses 861.18

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TO: SAC, ALBANY

DATE: 3/16/61

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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2-Baltimore (INFO) (RM)

(1-100-12076) (GEORGE MEYERS) (RM) (Pgs. 2, 7, 19)

1-Buffalo (INFO) (RM)

7-Chicago (INFO) (RM)

(1-100-20289) (JIM WEST) (Pgs. 2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 20)

(1-61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) (Pgs. 2, 6, 8, 9, 10, 17)

(1-100-) (COMINFIL SOUTHSIDE UNEMPLOYMENT COUNCIL)

(1-100-) (GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT) (Pg. 9)

(1-100-48285) (FLO HALL) (Pg. 16)

(1-100-) (SANE)

1-Cleveland (INF) (RM)

4-Detroit (INFO) (RM)

(1-100-8482) (TOM DENNIS) (Pgs. 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 16)

(1-100-13420) (CARL WINTER) (Pgs. 2, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17)

(1-100-) (COMINFIL UAW)

3-Los Angeles (INFO) (RM)

(1-100-4486) (DOROTHY HEALEY) (Pgs. 2-4, 8, 10, 16)

(1-100-4663) (BEN DOBBS) (Pg. 16)

2-Philadelphia (INFO) (RM)

(1-65-1686) (TOM NABRIED) (Pgs. 2, 16).

1-Pittsburgh (INFO) (RM)

2-San Francisco (INFO) (RM)

(1-65-1242) (MICKEY LIMA) (Pgs. 2, 3, 8, 10, 11, 15)

1-NY 100-89590 (CPUSA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) (415)

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There follows a summary of the highlights and more important statements of a meeting of the NEC, CPUSA held in CP Headquarters, NYC on 3/9-10/61.

Information concerning this meeting was previously furnished to the Bureau by daily teletypes and letterhead memo.

First Day's Session - 3/9/61

NY 2359-S* advised on 3/9/61, that a meeting of the NEC, CPUSA, commenced at 10:45 a.m. The following persons were observed entering CP Headquarters, NYC, presumably to attend this meeting:

TOM DENNIS, HY LUMER, IRVING POTASH, PHIL BART, JIM WEST, JACK STACHEL, GEORGE MEYERS, DOROTHY HEALEY, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, BEN DAVIS, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, MICKEY LIMA, TOM NABRIED, TED BASSETT, CARL WINTER, GUS HALL and BETTY GANNETT.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, announced the agenda as follows:

Report by HY LUMER on unemployment followed by speakers from other districts on same subject; report on Negro American Labor Council conference in Washington, D.C.; report of the Committee on Reorganization of work of the National Center; report on Taft-Hartley and Smith Act cases; report on progress toward a daily Marxist newspaper and finally the setting up of a committee to work on a constitution to be presented for discussion prior to the convention.

A committee of five members on McCarran Act cases was approved. Membership made up of CARL WINTER, MICKEY LIMA, ARNOLD JOHNSON, IRVING POTASH and JACK STACHEL.

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HY LUMER reported on the economic situation, quoting mainly from public source material. LUMER said long term unemployment is growing and there has been a steady increase in number of chronically depressed areas. He noted growth of unemployment among the youth and said growing numbers of young people are seriously concerned about ability to find jobs. There is a development in the Negro communities throughout the country and among Puerto Rican and Mexican-Americans of a situation of chronic crisis and mass unemployment, according to LUMER.

LUMER said long term unemployment among Negro workers is fifty per cent as opposed to twenty-eight per cent among workers generally. He asserted that one-half of the unemployed Negroes have been out of work fifteen weeks or more and that this needs special consideration. LUMER said there is an accumulation of suffering and misery among the workers and increasing automation will continue to increase unemployment.

MICKEY LIMA reported on unemployment in North California. He said contributing factors were automation, overtime, and the exportation of raw materials to foreign countries for completion by cheap labor in those countries. LIMA said that in recessions, the most effective agitation for the popularization of socialist solutions to problems has its greatest effect on the masses because the planned economy and utilization of automation in socialist countries can be compared with the situation in this country. LIMA said ways and means must be found to militantly challenge the closing of plants. He cited example of the sudden announcement by the General Lamp Plant in Oakland, California, that they were going to close down. LIMA said that if "we can't find a union who will fight for this, then we out to challenge it from the outside." He felt that situations of this type expose the weakness of the capitalist system and tend to popularize socialism.

DOROTHY HEALEY said that in California much of the economy is dependent on missiles and aircraft industry. The rate of unemployment of Negroes is very high, as is the

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proportionate rate of unemployment among women. There is no feeling of panic or desperation among the workers as was true in earlier postwar periods. With respect to the Party's approach to the question of unemployment, HEALEY said some body and some substance must be given to what the anti-monopoly coalition is supposed to do. According to HEALEY, there is long-time unemployment in Los Angeles and workers go to their established organizations rather than to the Party for answers to unemployment problems.

JIM WEST spoke of unemployment situation in Illinois. He said unemployment was the greatest in the Negro community. WEST mentioned that there has been wide distribution of leaflets concerning jobs for the jobless, and relief of hardship cases. He said these leaflets were distributed as the result of a meeting last Sunday night in Chicago. The meeting was of members of the South Side unemployed organizing committee, which committee sponsored the leaflets distributed. WEST described the committee as an ad hoc committee set up "by ourselves" for the purpose of getting things rolling. WEST said the meeting was attended by approximately 35 or 40 people and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was a speaker. WEST said the meeting served the purpose of pointing out the need for drawing in youth who have no recollection of the 1930's. WEST said one of the things left progressive forces can do is to widely circulate material among the unemployed advising about their rights with respect to compensation, relief, surplus food, dependency aid, etc. WEST said that unemployment compensation offices should become a focal point of discussion in Party clubs, as it is at these offices that the unemployed discuss their woes and problems and it is at these offices that they get brutal treatment.

TOM DENNIS reported on unemployment in Michigan. He said unemployment is currently higher than in 1958, and prospects seem to indicate continued high unemployment. According to DENNIS, people are becoming disillusioned with

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the KENNEDY administration, as they feel the administration will not correct the situation. The Party must get in and stimulate the organizing of the unemployed by unions, and also the organizing of the unemployed who are not in unions. DENNIS felt the Party must be instrumental in establishing some kind of community association for uniting the working class. He said the Party should coordinate the workers and unemployed but not compete with the unions.

TED BASSETT said that at the recent NALC conference there was a united front of Negro people backing the fourteen point program adopted at the conference. According to BASSETT, there is a very important need for backing the fourteen point program and making it a part of the struggle around unemployment issues.

BETTY GANNETT said that New York State unemployment is approximately 600,000, and that there have been efforts to have the Buffalo area declared a critically depressed one. GANNETT said that in NY, the Party has decided that its main activity must be to prod the unions to take up the issue. The Party must also begin to develop community activities with the objective of assisting in the handling of the many increased problems that exist among unemployed workers. According to GANNETT, a conference of the unemployed is being called in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn. GANNETT observed that there is a rather powerful movement of tenants councils in NYC, many of whom have welfare committees. She said it is a Party suggestion that these welfare committees be turned in the direction of the unemployed. GANNETT mentioned that in NYC, the Party is getting out a leaflet to be distributed to the various clubs, which leaflet will indicate the rights to which the unemployed are entitled.

Following a luncheon break PHIL BART proposed that further discussion be dispensed with for one hour in order to take up a special order of business.

GUS HALL then spoke of the necessity of the election of a national chairman. He said it was felt that election was necessary at this time as it will help to stabilize the Party and move it forward, especially if done

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in a proper way. According to HALL the way it can be done technically and constitutionally is for the NEC to make the recommendation and then ratify it by referendum of the National Committee. He said that if it is agreed upon it should be done immediately and without hesitation so that there will not be a leak and "our membership won't read about these kinds of problems in the Winchell Column." HALL said that if it is agreed upon the referendum will go out today.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT expressed pleasure on placing the name of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN in nomination for national chairman. He said that comrade ELIZABETH is a link "between our Party today and the great traditions of our Party." He described her as the most beloved person in the Party today and one who has a quality of inspiring people. He said that in her own personality comrade ELIZABETH has reflected the line of the Party and the international Communist movement today in regard to the struggle against revisionism and dogmatism. After presenting her name in nomination LIGHTFOOT expressed the hope that she would be the next national chairman of the CPUSA.

BEN DAVIS commented that nothing said by him must be construed as either an attack on ELIZABETH or an attack on her qualifications. On the contrary, ELIZABETH, according to DAVIS, is one of the finest comrades in the Party today. He said that as chairman or in any other position she would bring unique contributions and quality advantageous to the Party, the working class and people in general, around the issues before the American people. DAVIS said action at this time is a mistake. He said the first problem is question of NEC taking this action rather than the National Committee. He expressed doubt that the poll of the NC is sufficient. DAVIS commented that no poll of NC members on such an important question can take the place of open discussion and exchange of views. Once a person is chosen for a Party position it is a lifetime proposition. According to DAVIS, the question should be considered as to whether the Party should not have a Negro as National Chairman. He noted the situation existing in the Congo and in the Southern part of the United States where large masses of Negroes are

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involved and said that for this reason it might be well to have a Negro as national chairman of the CPUSA. According to DAVIS, Negro people are looking to the CPUSA for leadership. He remarked that no matter who is named as national chairman, GUS HALL will still be the ranking leader of the Party.

JAMES JACKSON wholeheartedly agreed with FLYNN's nomination. He nevertheless did feel that in certain leading levels the Negro comes as a stranger and each day has to prove himself anew. His merit and capabilities are a continuing subject of probe and challenge. He said that certain white comrades made him conscious of the fact that his representation of the Party abroad might put them in disregard. He felt white comrades should rid themselves of this prejudice.

GEORGE MEYERS also was in agreement with FLYNN's nomination. GEORGE MEYERS stated substantially the following:

A glaring deficiency in the Party is the fact that there are no leading national Negro women. If there was a Negro women comrade in leadership in the Party, it would greatly help the rebuilding and strengthening of the Party in Maryland. As far as BEN DAVIS is concerned, I remember one factional situation we had where a coalition, mostly revisionists, tried to dump BEN as a Party leader. That is not being done here today. The Party leadership changed its position and BEN was given recognition. I think he is one of the leading Communist figures in the country, particularly in the Negro community. Nevertheless, I favor comrade ELIZABETH because of BEN's method of work. Recently at a meeting, BEN made one of the best reports on the election situation that we have had and I told him that he was playing the role of a national leader of our Party, but I told him that sometimes I thought he acted like he was the minority leader in the Democratic City Council. I would abhor a situation where factionalism would develop and that is the reason I favor the nomination (of FLYNN).

JIM WEST agreed with BEN DAVIS and JAMES JACKSON as to the need for study of the questions raised by them,

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but said that the Party has made tremendous progress in the promotion of Negro cadre to leadership. He concluded that the proposal for a referendum is correct because he did not feel a vacuum (in the position of national chairman) could be left at this time.

MICKEY LIMA supported the nomination of FLYNN stating that the selection of FLYNN would have a unified effect on the Party. He said that FLYNN can help unify Party members and non-Party members and thereby add to the prestige and status of the Party among non-Partymembers and working class people in general.

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON also supported the nomination of FLYNN but said that he did not think FLYNN has placed enough emphasis on the struggle for Negro rights. He remarked that what is vitally needed is a white woman to emerge as a great crusader in the fight for Negro rights. He said that ELIZABETH FLYNN would not only make a great leader for the Party but also for the Negro movement.

JACK STACHEL observed that three of the five top leaders of the Party are Negro comrades, not because they are Negroes but because they are leading comrades. He then named them as DAVIS, LIGHTFOOT and JACKSON. According to STACHEL, the quality of Negro cadre in the Party today is higher than heretofore. STACHEL said that being Jewish he can recognize that they are playing the role that the Jews played in the Russian Party and to a certain extent in the CPUSA. He said that this is inevitable. STACHEL agreed that ELIZABETH FLYNN logically should be chosen as national chairman at this time and that comrade LIGHTFOOT remain as vice-chairman.

DOROTHY HEALEY stated substantially the following:

I do not think the negro struggle with the colonial world can be translated into the question of Party leadership, as though Party leadership is symbolic of these movements. There is a lack of candor in our leadership. There is a grouping together of our Negro comrades in the leadership as one undifferentiated grouping, even though the comrades

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in question represent as diverse approaches, qualities, and contributions as everybody else in the leadership. I told comrade BEN when he was in Los Angeles that I would not vote for him as national chairman because I did not yet feel a confidence that he acted as a national leader of the whole Party.

GUS HALL said he does not see the situation the way BEN DAVIS presents it. He agreed that putting the Negro comrades in a category does happen, but, if there are any such tendencies as BEN proposed, then the Party should resist them. GUS HALL stated that the motion concerning FLYNN's nomination was made and seconded. He called for a vote by "show of hands." HALL then remarked there are 22 members voting and there are 36 more (National Committee members to be reached).

PHIL BART then recommended sending a referendum to NC members stating NEC recommends to NC the election of FLYNN as national chairman and further recommends response be returned by Monday morning (3/13/61).

JIM WEST asked that an appeal be made to BEN DAVIS "to make it unanimous." Vote was taken on referendum after which HALL stated, "Well, I guess you're in, ELIZABETH."

LIGHTFOOT stated that on Monday evening "we called a meeting as JIM (WEST) mentioned" (apparently Chicago). According to LIGHTFOOT, there were 35 to 40 people at the meeting and "I suppose I was the organizer of the meeting." He said there were 20 non-Party people there, about 10 ex-Party people there, and about 5 Party people. They all accepted the leadership "so we set up and got a headquarters and everything, and set up the organization, back in the same place where the Party office used to be on 43rd Street. This will be Southside Unemployment Council Headquarters, and there will be known Communists working with non-Communists." LIGHTFOOT next mentioned that his wife "GERALDYNE" is acting chairman in her church and she and her minister were discussing how to set up an unemployment council in that church. LIGHTFOOT added that it would not be as militant as "Southside."

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Second Day's Session, 3/10/61

On 3/10/61, the following persons were observed entering CP Headquarters, NYC, presumably to attend this day's session of NEC:

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON
IRVING POTASH
PHIL BART
ARNOLD JOHNSON
MICKEY LIMA
TOM DENNIS
JIM WEST
BEN DAVIS
CARL WINTER
GUS HALL
HY LUMER
DOROTHY HEALEY
BETTY GANNETT
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
JACK STACHEL
JIM JACKSON
ELIZABETH FLYNN

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advised that prior to the reconvening of NEC, a Subcommittee meeting on defense problems was held. ARNOLD JOHNSON was Chairman and among those present were JACK STACHEL, MICKEY LIMA, WILLIAM PATTERSON, IRVING POTASH and CARL WINTER.

ARNOLD JOHNSON reported on a discussion he had with JOHN ABT. According to JOHNSON, ABT felt the Party was being derelict with respect to informing the Party membership on the progress of the fight against the Mc Carran and Smith Acts. JOHNSON said that ABT posed the question of what the reaction of the membership would be should the ruling of the Supreme Court require registration. ABT wondered whether the membership would panic if they read newspaper headlines

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saying "Reds Ordered to Register" or "Reds Outlawed by Supreme Court". According to JOHNSON, ABT felt that to forestall any panic, the full meaning of the law should be explained to the membership and they should be advised "We are going to continue in business" and proceed to the next stage of litigation. This would be true not only for the Mc Carran Act but also with respect to the membership clause of the Smith Act.

WILLIAM PATTERSON was in agreement that the Party was derelict with respect to these matters. He cited the case of the CP in Buffalo being prevented from participating in discussions taking place in the City Council. PATTERSON asserted that the Party should take the offensive and bring an action in Federal Court in the Buffalo case. He said this would open the door to all types of discussion and help from the American Civil Liberties Union and church organizations.

JACK STACHEL recommended that "The Worker" print more articles in regard to these subjects. STACHEL said that the Party membership should be rallied and it should be pointed out how wrong they were in 1950 and 1951. STACHEL suggested that a committee be set up to communicate with the districts in order to emphasize the tightening up of the ranks in the ideological and organizations fields, especially on the club level. He said there should be a special check to determine who in each club maintains the membership list, etc. More attention should be directed to seeing that the entire membership gets "The Worker" and that all members get into the "left organizations".

MICKEY LIMA asked what procedure would be followed if an adverse decision is handed down by the Supreme Court and the leadership refuses to register. He said that a starting point should be that if the decision is adverse, it be rejected by the Party and the Party leadership continue to function. He recommended that a report be made as soon as possible to the Party membership,

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pointing out that the Party's legality will not be decided by law but by its relation to mass struggles. POTASH said that it is most important to prepare the membership and point out to them that the Party is working with competent legal persons. He said that they should also call in all club chairmen and explain to them the Party's thinking. He also urged that international reaction be encouraged as quickly as possible in the event of an adverse decision.

ARNOLD JOHNSON said that it might be wise to point out to the membership that even the most adverse decision would not put them out of business. He added "However, if a date is set for them to surrender, then they will have to deal with that at that time". JOHNSON also felt that a subcommittee should be set up to check all phases of defense work and set up the instruments with which the membership can fight back.

NY 2359-S* advised that the second day's session of NEC, CPUSA meeting convened 10:30 a.m., 3/10/61.

CARL WINTER opened the meeting and discussed the conference of the UAW (no date given). He described this conference as a closed session and a story concerning it appears in this week's edition of "The Worker". WINTER noted that the press was excluded from the conference but that he (WINTER) managed to attend. He said the significance of it was that it was a directive meeting where (WALTER) REUTHER was giving his staff instructions. WINTER said that the chairman of the conference made the observation that the union regards the unemployed as well as the employed as the union's responsibility. WINTER said this is a new policy and was stressed throughout the meeting that unions cannot survive unless they tackle the problems of the unemployed. WINTER said that REUTHER went into a general socialist type criticism of the economy and said the basic problems cannot be solved by palliatives. He (REUTHER) emphasized that the unions are in tremendous difficulty because of the economic situation and because they are entering negotiations in a period of adversity. He took pains to disassociate himself

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from MEANY (GEORGE) and made sharp criticism of MEANY as well as the leadership of the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO.

According to WINTER, REUTHER commented that President KENNEDY has made a good beginning but the administration is under great pressure from the NAM, the Chamber of Commerce and is yielding to these pressures; the labor movement must provide leadership for a counterforce to include community forces, civic organizations, churches and the like. WINTER commented that the meeting sounded to him as though they (UAW) had been attending our meetings and our literature because they responded to every one of the things that we have been criticizing the trade unions for as regards unemployment. WINTER also stated that ROY REUTHER, the head of the Political Action Department, gave a special report on how to mobilize communities, the unemployed, unions, and others in a single movement to support necessary legislation and governmental action. WINTER said that ROY REUTHER talked also of the need for mass rallies, parades and demonstrations and he said that he would like to see Detroit's 160,000 unemployed all gathered at one time in Cadillac Square to demonstrate the problem. Continuing, WINTER remarked that they also discussed in detail a letter-writing campaign to government officials, Congressmen, etc. for support of the union's program to get America back to work. WINTER said that the president of the Buick local confined his remarks entirely to the youth question, warning that the future of the unions depends on what it does with the youngsters coming out of high school because these youngsters consider the union their enemy in that union rules prevent them from getting jobs. WINTER commented that WALTER REUTHER congratulated the president of the Buick local for his remarks and said the Executive Council will take up this point and attempt to work out means by which the unions become champions of the youth.

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WINTER concluded his remarks by commenting that when he reported on this conference to the Detroit comrades, he emphasized the need for the Party to disassociate from certain opposition tendencies, and the Party should identify itself with a positive approach to programs the unions have developed.

IRVING POTASH said that concentration must be given to such questions as the struggle for shorter hours and higher unemployment payments because these are the type of questions that unite the employed and the unemployed in a common struggle. He said developments are taking place which are a basis for a more militant struggle and a more meaningful unemployment program. He said that grounds are developing in the trade union movement reflecting a greater awareness of the bankruptcy of the MEANY policies; a greater awareness of the permanent nature of unemployment and these issues lay a basis for raising the anti-monopoly struggle to a higher and broader level in the entire trade union movement.

BEN DAVIS said that attempts should be made to force more trade between our country and the socialist bloc. He also said that the Negro in the depressed areas should be treated as a special question because there is an opportunity for the Party to gather attraction and alliance between Negro workers and white workers in these depressed areas.

JACK STACHEL remarked that it was a good policy for the Party to distribute unemployment leaflets as it shows that the Party is for such a program. STACHEL further remarked that a few weeks ago it looked as if a real gap was developing between the labor movement and the Negro liberation movement, but at this moment labor leaders are getting together with RANDOLPH (A. PHILIP) and are calling for a conference in Chicago.

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HY LUMER said that discussions today were beneficial and that a summary of the discussions would be available. He expressed disagreement with Labor Secretary GOLDBERG's idea of increased government spending to decrease unemployment. LUMER expressed the idea of cutting armament spending and to use this money for peaceful purposes. LUMER, in commenting on government figures in regard to unemployment, said it should be borne in mind that these figures are designed to fit the government's purpose and are grossly underestimated.

MICKEY LIMA next proposed that HY LUMER and IRVING POTASH should prepare a summary on the discussion. Motion carried and summary to be prepared during the coming week.

BEN DAVIS spoke with respect to the setting up of a committee on the Constitution. He pointed out that the last meeting of the National Committee authorized the setting up of such a committee to begin now working on the Constitution which could be presented to the 18th Convention. The committee is also to write a brief statement on democratic centralism which will go into the Constitution. DAVIS proposed that the committee be a small one made up of National Committee members. He suggested several names, including NAT ROSENBLUTH and MIKE CRENOVICH.

GUS HALL specifically objected to ROSENBLUTH and CRENOVICH, stating that neither of these comrades have displayed a responsible attitude toward the Party and the leadership. He said that until he saw a different attitude and a different spirit toward the Party and the leadership, he could not recommend them for anything. HY LUMER agreed with HALL.

TOM DENNIS felt that the committee should have a majority from outside New York because he feels that there is a tendency not to appreciate some of the problems of

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Party operation in other parts of the country. DOROTHY HEALEY agreed with DENNIS. She suggested that consideration be given to adding members who were on the Constitution Committee for the 17th Convention.

The committee finally agreed upon to pass as its members PHIL BART, TOM NABRIED, WILL WEINSTONE, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, BEN DOBBS, FLO (HALL), ERIC (BERT), TOMMY DENNIS and ARNOLD JOHNSON.

BEN DAVIS said that with respect to ROSENBLUTH and CRENOVICH, he felt that GUS HALL's criticism was too severe. He said he did not know enough about their recent activities to further discuss this point, but that he did not want any indication to be taken from the violence of HALL's objection to these people that he was trying to smuggle in somebody to wreck the Party or destroy its unity.

HALL replied that his only objection was to the two comrades and DAVIS countered that he still felt HALL's characterization of them was much too severe.

ARNOLD JOHNSON next spoke on the Defense Committee. He referred to the Taft-Hartley decisions relating to JIM (WEST) and HY (LUMER), saying that these decisions have been given wide play in editorials and articles. JOHNSON said that this meeting should serve the purpose of full mobilization of the Party and all whom "we" influence in the struggle for democratic rights. JOHNSON said that he wished to point out that the Supreme Court may be subject to change in the near future with the possible resignation of Justices BLACK and FRANKFURTER. He said the important thing is what effect certain Supreme Court decisions will have on the membership, as well as what effect on the rights and masses of the people, and in this regard, there is a need for much more careful preparations. JOHNSON felt that the Party did not have a full estimate of the abolitionist movement

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against the Un-American Activities Committee. He said that both FRANK WILKINSON and DICK CRILEY had done tremendous jobs but that the Party should be criticized for failure to follow through and join some of these fights. JOHNSON, in referring to the Defense Committee, said "We" should establish an office outside this office (CP Headquarters), composed of both non-Communists and Communists, adding that he would need another week or ten days to get the Defense Committee functioning. JOHNSON further commented that there would also be a need to establish a skeleton committee in different areas and the committee would have possibilities of stimulating work in front organizations. He said the Party must make more use of publications and must take the offensive against the Supreme Court majority and explain the Party's viewpoint. He said the Party should point toward a National Conference, preferably in June and, if not, then in October, but the Party must make it clear that it is not going out of business and will fight all down the line.

GUS HALL then commented that every single Party district must have some kind of an apparatus that works with ARNOLD's committee (Defense Committee) on these questions. Informant advised that HALL pounded the table to emphasize his point that defense work is a matter that directly involves the Party. He said every district leadership must take up this question immediately and decide what is most suitable for their district.

BEN DAVIS next gave the "Task Force Report" which he said arose out of suggestions from leaders in the district as well as the center for a need to reorganize and streamline the center. He said members of the committee set up by the Secretariat were PHIL BART, HY LUMER, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, CARL WINTER and himself. DAVIS commented that PHIL BART was considered chairman of the committee and the proposals to be made were unanimously agreed upon. DAVIS described the report as a progress report. He said the scope

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of the committee did not take up political questions or line because they did not consider it within the purview of the subcommittee, but rather what they considered was how to improve the application of the Party's line and to improve the functioning of the national center. DAVIS also stated that the committee was concerned with the mechanics of leadership such as committees, personnel and the like. He said to date, however, they were not able to get a complete picture from all aspects of the functioning of the center and because of this it was difficult to say what changes should be made until they get a complete and adequate picture. DAVIS said the committee did examine the question of finance and economy as well as the question of the Party Headquarters, how it functions, what changes and improvements should be made. He said the recommendations of the committee will be presented to the Secretariat, the NEC and the NC. DAVIS commented that all the meetings of the subcommittee so far have been harmonious, helpful and fruitful in the exchange of opinions. DAVIS said that by the next NC meeting they should be able to come up with something more substantial in making recommendations. DAVIS said that they were going to make a motion at the last NC meeting that the NEC should be given the power to make whatever necessary changes in the leadership which ordinarily would be made by the NC. He said, however, that no such motion was made and as a result feels they did not have the power to act on this question.

DAVIS said the NEC was elected by the NC and must remain that way until the National Committee acts to change it. He said the five-man Secretariat was elected by the National Committee and therefore cannot be abolished except by the NC. DAVIS expressed the opinion that the Secretariat had functioned haphazardly and was more often than not an enlarged meeting. He said the Task Force recommended the setting up of a National Staff to meet a minimum of once every two weeks and to operate under the rules of the NC and the NEC. Informant advised that at this point DAVIS then utilized the

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blackboard to place the names of those on the National Staff. He said each member on the National Staff is either the head of a commission, department or a Party head, except CLARENCE (HATHAWAY). DAVIS further remarked that the first ten names on the blackboard are all members of the NEC, adding that some members are essential to this staff, although not named on it but would function by invitation. DAVIS said the staff set up was no great change, however, DAVIS felt it would add authority and a new face under which to operate.

DAVIS concluded by commenting that this was only a progress report of the Task Force and that the Task Force would continue to operate.

PHIL BART next commented that there were some other suggestions not incorporated into the report because there was not complete agreement on them. BART said that each month one NC member from the Midwest should meet with this group (National Staff) and that every other month a member of the NC from the far West should meet with this group. BART also commented that the full NEC may or may not be called to meet once each six weeks as this could depend upon circumstances.

Following DAVIS' report, discussion took place as to the nature of the new body to carry out responsibilities of NEC between meetings.

JAMES JACKSON stated that this body should not be called a National Staff, but rather an Executive Board to the NEC that gets its charter of authority from the NEC. He recommended that the NEC and this National Board have its general official the general secretary.

GUS HALL stated that there is no constitutional question involved as to the setup of this body and recommended that GEORGE MEYERS be included in it. HALL called for a vote for election of a National Board by the NEC to carry out its work between meetings. Vote taken. Motion carried. Composition of board not available to informant.

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JIM WEST reported that there will be two Easter Peace Parades held in Chicago, one sponsored by SANE (Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy) and the other by "The Friends". He suggested that a special edition of "The Worker" with peace articles in it directed to the participants in these parades should be prepared and sold to the participants.

IRVING POTASH outlined the following concrete proposals to help these parades to be a success:

1. Chicago provide some guarantee and mobilization for an audience.
2. Get local union leadership to participate in the conference.
3. Get wires to the conference.
4. Make an effort to have a continuation committee established and to organize similar conferences throughout the country.

GUS HALL reported briefly on progress made concerning re-establishment of a daily paper. He said the committee working on this will send out an appeal for funds but it will do no more until the results of this appeal are determined. HALL said he feels there are a number of people who will not give money to the Party but who will be willing to put money into bonds for the purpose of the re-establishment of a daily paper. Meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

17 MAR 1961

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56579)
FROM : SA [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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NY 694-S* advised on 2/1/61, that the National and New York State Offices of the Communist Party; the Editorial and Office Staff of "The Worker," an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper, currently occupy the premises at 23 W. 26th St., NYC.

The above captioned subject was observed at 23 W. 26th St., as indicated below:

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128814)

FROM : SA ROBERT S. MUGAVIN (#414)

SUBJECT: NEW YORK DISTRICT CP
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DATE: 3/17/61

Identity of Informant

NY 2384-S*
(Has furnished reliable
information in the past)

Date of Activity or
Description of Information

NY District CP Staff meeting
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On 2/28/61, NY 2384-S* furnished the following information concerning a meeting of the NY District CP Staff, held at CP Headquarters, NYC, on that date.

BETTY GANNETT opened this staff meeting, stating the agenda for the forthcoming State Committee meeting was proposed as:

1-New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (#414)
1-New York (100-50094) (ESTHER CANTOR) (#414)
1-New York (100-84275) (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (#414)
1-New York (100-54555) (EVELYN WIENER) (#414)
1-New York (100-89179) (BELLA ALTSCHULER) (#421)
1-New York (100-93665) (MIMI FRIEDLANDER) (#421)
1-New York (100-26603-C40) (BRONX COUNTY CP) (#421)
1-New York (100-118174) (MILT ROSEN) (#414)
1-New York (100-128815) (NY DISTRICT CP - NEGRO QUESTION) (#414)
1-New York (100-118884) [REDACTED] (#421)
1-New York (100-26018) (LOUIS WEINSTOCK) (#415)
1-New York (100-144145) (1961 MAY DAY) (#41)
1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (#415)
1-New York (157-195) (FIGHTING AMERICAN NATIONALISTS) (#412)
1-New York (100-128814)

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1. District work to be discussed with trade union work;
2. Report on the 81-Party Congress from the National Committee meeting.

GANNETT added that to the above agenda, under the labor report, ESTHER CANTOR would be given time for legislative problems and further, they put on the Board meeting agenda for next Thursday, the Municipal elections. These proposals by BETTY GANNETT were accepted by the staff.

GANNETT also mentioned they had agreed to put the financial situation and "The Worker" on the Committee meeting agenda.

GANNETT said regarding the school workshop, they need to have a meeting with comrades from all counties present plus WILLIAM PATTERSON. PATTERSON stated that they should set the earliest possible date for this workshop to be held. GANNETT proposed that it be on the following Tuesday (3/7/61) at EVELYN WIENER's apartment. This proposal was accepted.

BELLA ALTSHULER was the next speaker at the meeting. ALTSHULER, in an inaudible manner, read a lengthy paper protesting the abolishing of her club in the Bronx County CP.

MIMI FRIEDLANDER followed ALTSHULER and read a report on the results of the county hearing on ALTSHULER's protest. This report stated, in part, that ALTSHULER had been assigned to a club and that she refused to go to it or to pay her dues. A committee had been set up to hear ALTSHULER's appeal. Its decision was that community clubs were to be established and therefore, the people in BELLA's club (which was a functional type) would have to be reassigned and the club abolished. The report accused BELLA of having gone to practically every member of the national committee and the state committee and had peddled stories about MIMI FRIEDLANDER. Following this exchange of charges and counter-charges, MILT ROSEN suggested that BELLA should be given an hour to make her reply and that the staff should discuss it at another time and make its recommendations. BELLA answered that she had concluded.

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The staff took no action on this situation and BETTY GANNETT took up the next item of business. GANNETT said that they would have to set a meeting for the Negro Commission. The staff agreed on Friday, March 17 and for GANNETT to obtain the meeting place and draft the notices. The meeting will be scheduled for 8:00.

GANNETT observed regarding the Housing Commission that the suggestion was to finalize it right after March 2nd. This suggestion was apparently accepted.

EVERLYN WIENER mentioned that regarding ANN [redacted] being dropped from the State payroll, that CLARENCE HATHAWAY and she had had a meeting with ANN scheduled but first ANN became sick and then HATHAWAY. MILT ROSEN suggested they have a committee of two sit down next week and discuss this situation. GANNETT proposed that PATTERSON and WIENER be on this committee. This was accepted by the staff.

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LOUIS WEINSTOCK observed that regarding May Day, that he does not believe a united front celebration is possible. He said that groups could be united if someone other than "burselves" called the original conference. He pointed out that Communists could speak as trade unionists but not as Communists.

(PHIL BART said they should have May Day around "Peace" or something like that and then they could have a broadening of left forces.)

WILLIAM PATTERSON stated that all forces which have an attitude toward unemployment and peace are forces that ought to be involved. He declared that they want masses on the street for this demonstration. PATTERSON said the Party's responsibility is to see that as many people as possible are brought on the street.

WEINSTOCK mentioned that the Fascists (Fighting American Nationalists?) may get to use Union Square at 10:00 a.m. and the Party get it at 4:00 p.m. If that happens, WEINSTOCK said, "we" (Communists) could be a rallying

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force. WEINSTOCK propped that they go through with what they have planned for that night (a meeting at Adelphi Hall). He said that the meeting that night can decide on whether to have a May Day conference on March 22nd. They must also keep in mind that they ^{must} make an application for the Square (obtain police permit).

BETTY GANNETT agreed that they should go through with the meeting that night. WEINSTOCK declared that they must stop the Fascists before they get the use of the Square.

This staff meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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SA FORREST F. BURGESS

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On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, telephonically advised SA FORREST F. BURGESS of the following. This information was dictated into statement form [REDACTED] typed by Stenographer [REDACTED] and was then read and initialed by the informant on [REDACTED]. This statement is maintained in [REDACTED].

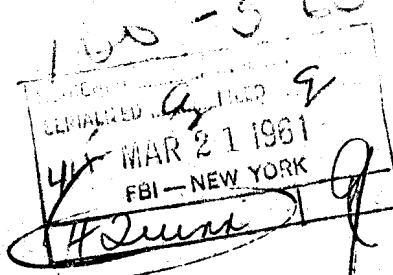
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[REDACTED] was overheard to say on [REDACTED] that he planned to go to New York City on [REDACTED] to attend a meeting of the National Executive Committee, CPUSA. Previously [REDACTED] had received a letter from PHIL BART calling attention to this meeting, which was to be held at 10 a.m., on [REDACTED].

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WEEKLY SUMMARY 3/13 - 3/19/61 - CINAL

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NY 2957-S* advised that DANNY RUBIN, CP USA Youth Director, had planned to go to Boston, with the subject on March 15, and return on March 19. (New York airtel to Director, 3/14/61, captioned MORTIMER DANIEL RUBIN)

NY 1750-S* advised that CONNIE BART had complained to the subject regarding her relationship with JIM TORMEY, Kings County CP Organizer. She said that TORMEY was a sneaky person and that there was nothing she could do about it. She then weepingly related to the subject that the only time TORMEY wants her services is when he needs somebody to act as a "shamus". She said that from now on he could find someone else to do that type of work. The subject suggested that she leave the county organization and just join a local club. CONNIE said that TORMEY would not allow this and neither would his wife, BETTY GANNETT. She said that she is going to stay

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in the Flatbush organization even though she is not needed. She said the Party doesn't care how she is being treated and that others in it do not know what JIM is doing to her. She said she believed that BILL ALBERTSON and CLARENCE HATHAWAY know what TORMEY is doing although she was not quite positive about CLARENCE. The subject consoled her saying that he was sure that if they knew enough they would intervene.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject related to his wife, CONNIE, that the National Office had held a press conference there that day to announce the election of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN as Chairman of the CP USA. He said there were interviews and a number of representatives of the press and TV including the British and foreign press. He said ELIZABETH was wonderful and had them all in the palm of her hand, answering all questions with ease and knowledge. He related that MURRY KEMPTON of The Post had come to speak to GUS and himself after the conference and told them that she is really a very fine lady. CONNIE asked if KEMPTON gave any indication to them of his past friendship and PHIL said that he was very friendly. CONNIE related that when she was working on the STEVE NELSON thing some time ago, she had called KEMPTON and when he heard her name he immediately asked for the subject and couldn't have been more friendly.

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PHIL then related that the subject had received a very long night letter addressed to him from BURT NELSON and that it was the filthiest piece of trash he had ever seen and that --- sent ^{it} by public night letter. He said that this letter was an answer on the ballot for the election of FLYNN and needless to say it was a dissenting one. He said NELSON accused him of writing vicious letters and was sarcastic and insulting.

CONNIE asked what the trouble with NELSON was and PHIL said that they have had a mess in his district and that GUS and he were supposed to go there and strengthen it out but then decided to let ELIZABETH handle it while she was there. He said that ELIZABETH did this and made all the recommendations. He said NELSON is really sore about the whole thing and has requested that his ballot on FLYNN be made public. He said that 48 of the 55 eligible ballots have been received and most of the responses came in with fond greetings for FLYNN. He continued that PAULIE ROBESON seemed to express a little dissention today indicating that he thought ELIZABETH had been placed in the position without the proper Party methods. He said, however, that at the press conference she was a huge success and went over big with her point on civil liberties. He added that BURT NELSON insists that her former office of vice president be promptly filled.

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The subject later stated that he had decided to go to Boston on Thursday instead of Wednesday, and that he would take the car. He said that he has a meeting that night in Boston, at 7:30. CONNIE asked why he had changed his time of departure and the subject replied that he had received a telegram to come on Thursday instead of Wednesday.

The subject then commented on ELIZABETH LAWSON at the National Office and described her as a "real screwball". He said her language is vile and that she curses like a man. He said the administration of the office is a screwy setup.

He said that BILL FOSTER's daughter, SYLVIA (KOLKO) was turning out to be a real pain in the neck. He said that she thinks the Party should wait on her hand and foot simply because FOSTER was her father. He said now she wants the Party to furnish her with a full time chauffeur and servant. He said that he told her he would try to get MINI (FRIEDLANDER) to help out and possibly would pay her \$25.00 a week.

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted SI GERSON and told him about VERA HATHAWAY having a stroke and being in the hospital. GERSON asked how ELIZABETH FLYNN's press conference had gone and PHIL said that the room had been packed with press, radio and TV. He said MURRY KEMPTON from The Post was there and there were representatives of the London Times and the Christian Science Monitor. He then commented that FLYNN was leaving for Seattle

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the following day and that they had received a disgusting and filthy communication from there which had voted negatively on FLYNN. He said that she will be back the first part of May.

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NY 694-S* advised on 3/15/61, that GUS HALL had told him that the CP USA was being reorganized and among the changes were the abolition of the National Secretariat and its replacement by a National Board. He said that this new board would have as members 7 persons including the subject.

(This information contained in New York airtel to Director, 3/16/61, captioned CP USA-Organization.)

NY 1749-S* advised that HY LUMER had contacted the subject for the purpose of obtaining the telephone numbers of PHIL FRANKFIELD and ISIDORE WOOFSEY.

The source advised that the subject had contacted CLARENCE HATHAWAY and inquired as to the condition of his wife, VERA. HATHAWAY said that VERA was now in Beth Israel Hospital and was resting and would be there for several weeks.

The source also advised that BETTY GANNETT contacted the subject and they discussed some of the reorganization of the New York State CP. In particular they spoke about MIKE (CRENOVICH). BETTY said that CLARENCE feels that the elimination of MIKE would be preferable and that this could be done on the basis of MIKE's rejection of his policy; however, she said she felt that MIKE should be present at any such discussion along this line. PHIL said that everybody has a pretty set position on this but that actually it all depends on GUS and that he will speak tomorrow with him.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, PHILADELPHIA

DATE: 3/27/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-143887)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE FOR A DEMOCRATIC SPAIN
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1 - Philadelphia (100-) (JAMES HIGGINS) (RM)
1 - [REDACTED] (INV) (424)
1 - NY 100-36197 (FREDA KIRCHWEY) (424)
1 - NY 100-55873 (WALDO FRANK) (424)
1 - NY 100-115265 [REDACTED]
1 - NY 65-6791 [REDACTED]
1 - NY 65-12035 [REDACTED]
1 - NY 105-9462 (LAWRENCE FERNSWORTH) (31)
1 - NY 100-113579 [REDACTED]
1 - NY 100-83333 (SAUL BIRNBAUM) (421)
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - NY 100-21444 (PAUL SCHREIBER) (421)
1 - NY 100-133788 (MRS. PAUL SCHREIBER) (421)
1 - NY 100-81701 [REDACTED]
1 - NY 100- [REDACTED] (421)
1 - NY 100-65333 (LOUIS SECUNDY) (422)
1 - NY 100- [REDACTED] (422)
1 - NY 100-114924 [REDACTED] (24)
1 - NY 100-143645 [REDACTED]
1 - NY 100-26873 [REDACTED]
1 - NY 100-25779 (MARGARET LAMONT) (424)
1 - NY 100-70087 (TAMARA TKACH) (424)
1 - NY 100-47738 (CLARA RUBENS) (424)
1 - NY 100-142344 (JACKIE HARRIS) (412)
1 - NY 100- [REDACTED] (ROSE APPOLLONI) (412)
1 - NY 100-5700 (ART SHIELDS) (424)
1 - NY 100-2545 (VALB) (41)
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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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NY 2520-S* advised on 3/8/61, that DANNY (RUBIN) contacted BILL ALBERTSON on that date. BILL asked DANNY if he remembered about tomorrow and DANNY stated that he did and knows the place. BILL stated that he would see him there. DANNY then stated that there were some "hot things" going on at City (CCNY), and that he had gotten a phone call saying that they need some discussion help on it. DANNY stated that there is a meeting for tomorrow night which is some kind of a forum with a number of groups. He stated that there was an attack in the newspaper by the young Democrats that the campus has been taken over politically and socially by the extreme left and stated that he told them to get in touch with BILL for some help. BILL asked if the extreme left means "us" or "the other guys" and DANNY stated that it means both. BILL stated that he hopes that this new member isn't involved in provoking anything. He stated that this new member is almost as old as I am you know MILLIE's husband (MILLIE EDELMAN). BILL stated that he (JOE EDELMAN) started to school down there joined the local thing and the way he described this new outfit with his talking he is frightening away everybody. BILL stated that this guy (JOE EDELMAN) used to drive the "old man" around. DANNY asked BILL if he (JOE EDELMAN) had joined the MDC (Marxist Discussion Club). BILL stated that he did and BILL told DANNY that he would see him tomorrow.

- 1 - New York (100-27452) (BOB THOMPSON) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-107211) (LILLIAN ALBERTSON) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-128255) (DANNY RUBIN) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-140667) (Advance) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-87995) (JOE EDELMAN) (412)
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NY 2520-S* advised on 3/9/61, that BOB THOMPSON contacted LIL ALBERTSON on that date. BOB asked for her husband, and LIL informed BOB that her husband had left the house about 7:45 this morning. LIL stated that her husband had to go out early this morning and asked BOB if there is any message that she can give her husband. BOB stated that he is going to make "that same arrangement with PHIL if he can for tomorrow" and explained that that was why he was trying to catch him (BILL ALBERTSON) today. LIL states that she will not see BOB until midnight tonight and indicated that she could not get a message to him. However, LIL stated that she will tell him of BOB's message if he calls home. LIL also stated that she did not think BILL would be able to do anything today anyway because he is not going to the office. BOB replied that today isn't the problem but that tomorrow there is a problem. LIL stated that she would leave him the message so that he can see what he can do.

NY 2520-S* advised on 3/9/61, that BETTY (GANNETT) contacted LIL ALBERTSON on that date. LIL told BETTY that her husband had already left adding that he went out hours ago. BETTY inquired as to why he has to go so early and LIL replied that she did not know but that he left the house about 7:50 this morning/^{and} that she thinks he has a breakfast appointment with somebody. BETTY stated that she was trying to get hold of him and LIL asked BETTY to do her a favor and if she finds her husband to tell him that BOB called and would like him to make the same arrangements with PHIL that he had made before. LIL said that she would not see PHIL about midnight tonight. BETTY stated that if she can remember it, she will tell BILL if she sees him today.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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NY 2520-S* advised on 3/2/61, that BILL ALBERTSON was in contact with VERA HATHAWAY. ALBERTSON stated that he had just gotten home a couple of hours ago and he asked about CLARENCE (HATHAWAY). VERA stated that CLARENCE would probably return home on Saturday. BILL stated that he had a good trip and met some people. BILL also stated that he would try to go to the hospital tomorrow to see CLARENCE.

NY 2520-S* advised on 3/3/61, that BILL (ALBERTSON) contacted HY (LUMER). BILL asked HY if he had heard anything about his situation and HY said he isn't likely to as there is a 25 day period for filing the petition. BILL stated you haven't filed your petition as yet and HYMAN said no. BILL also asked if HY was going to the meeting tonight and HY stated that he did not think so. BILL told HY that he did not intend to go to the office today and that he would drop the car off at HY's sometime tonight. BILL stated that it was a good car and the next job done on it should be when it hits 9,000 miles. BILL also stated that the "ticket" for the car is in the glove compartment. BILL stated that he would see HY sometime today.

NY 2520-S* advised on 3/6/61, that BILL (ALBERTSON) contacted PHIL (DART) at '5755'. BILL stated that his wife and kid are both sick so he will not be in today, but will be in tomorrow. PHIL said okay and asked if BILL had told his friend but BILL stated that he will do so. Informant also advised that BILL called PHIL back again and said that he doesn't know what STACHEL has in mind regarding that woman's day business. BILL said he didn't know either and that it can

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1 - New York (100-5106) (CLARENCE HATHAWAY) (414) / 100-56579-5428
1 - New York (100-105078) (HYMAN LUMER) (415)
1 - New York (100-1369530) (EDITH LUMER) (415)
1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL DART) (415)
1 - New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
1 - New York (100-117708) (414)
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (414)
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wait until tomorrow as he is busy today.

NY 2520-S* advised on 3/6/61, that BILL ALBERTSON contacted [redacted] and stated that everyone at his house was sick and that he couldn't be to the meeting with them tonight. BILL told [redacted] that they should go ahead without him and hold over any business they want to discuss with him until two weeks from today.

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NY 2520-S* advised on 3/6/61, that BILL ALBERTSON was in contact with PHIL and CONNIE BART. BILL told PHIL that the family is feeling better so he will be into the office tomorrow. BILL asked CONNIE if she would be busy tomorrow night. CONNIE said that she would be and stated that she gave the information to BETTY (GANNETT). BILL suggested that she also tell PHIL the place as he will be seeing PHIL tomorrow.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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NY 2520-S* advised on 2/22/61, that BILL ALBERTSON contacted VERA HATHAWAY inquiring about CLARENCE (HATHAWAY). VERA stated that CLARENCE was better and would let BILL know when he can have visitors. BILL stated that he was going to be out of town but that ~~he~~ (ALBERTSON) would like to go to the hospital to visit him. *ll*

NY 2520-S* advised on 2/22/61, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON contacted one MEL DAVIS at "Ray" in regard to the car that was sold to JEAN SHIRNER by MEL DAVIS. ALBERTSON stated that the license number of the car is 9U7275 and has about 6,900 miles on it. He says that it is a Rambler and is now located at a service station at 179 Flatbush Ave., corner of Pacific Street, Brooklyn, NY. ALBERTSON mentioned that he would be out of town for a few days on an urgent family matter and had to leave the car there last night about midnight.

NY 2520-S* advised on 2/22/61, that BILL ALBERTSON contacted CONNIE (BART) and PHIL (BART). ALBERTSON told PHIL what is being done with the car and that ALBERTSON will delay his trip upstate so that he can get the car and drive it up. He told PHIL an approximate amount that it would cost and stated that he would borrow the money and would then get it from PHIL later on. ALBERTSON stated that he was a member of the AAA and by so being a member helped greatly in the towing expenses last night. He stated, however, that he had to spend a lot for a taxi because he had all that weighty material in the trunk of the car which material he had to bring home with him.

- 1 - New York (100-53408) (VERA HATHAWAY) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-5106) (CLARENCE HATHAWAY) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-107211) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-68934) (JEAN SHIRNER SMITH)
- ① - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-136953) (EDITH LUMER) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-84275) (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-17924) (CARL BRODSKY) (414)
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NY 2520-S* advised on 2/23/61, that BILL ALBERTSON contacted the travel bureau and asked them for the best way to get to the Pennsylvania Turnpike from 110th Street on the West Side. The person at the travel bureau asked BILL for his membership number and BILL stated that it was 582055. The man at the travel bureau then stated that BILL should take the New Jersey Turnpike to Exit number 5, which then goes into the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

NY 2520-S* advised on 2/23/61, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON contacted EDITH (LOPES). BILL told EDITH that she was all by herself because BILL had left this afternoon.

NY 2520-S* advised on 2/23/61, that BILL ALBERTSON contacted WILLIAM ALBERTSON by long distance and told her that he decided to stay over and is going to Detroit in the morning. BILL advised him that everything was fine at home.

NY 2520-S* advised on 2/23/61, that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON contacted BILL ALBERTSON. PATTERSON asked BILL if he was going to be in this morning and BILL replied that he is not. PATTERSON then remarked that he wished BILL could be because he wants to call a joint meeting, however, BILL informed PATTERSON that he is leaving town and will be out for a week. The informant also advised on 2/23/61, that BILL ALBERTSON contacted his wife BILL, on that date and told BILL that he was going to have lunch and "go". BILL told BILL that the car was all right now. BILL told BILL to be careful take his time and not to push himself. She tells him to stop if he feels tired. BILL agreed.

NY 2520-S* advised on 2/23/61, that BILL ALBERTSON called CARL (BRODIE) stating that he, CARL, had insured the Rambler and since he was going to take a ride in it he would like to know who the insuring company is. CARL stated that the car was insured by Allstate Insurance Co., police number 43-745-604AR from May, 1960 to May, 1961.

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Identity of Source:

[redacted] who has furnished
reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of Info:

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Date received:

2/18/61

Received by:

SA [redacted] (oral)

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Original location:

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Information furnished by informant was reduced to
typing by [redacted] and authenticated by
informant [redacted]

A copy of informant's oral report is as follows:

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On [redacted] the [redacted]
[redacted] held its first meeting at the [redacted]
[redacted] NYC.

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The meeting started at approximately 8:30 p.m. and an estimated 400 persons attended. An admission of \$1.25 per person was charged.

The following persons were noted in attendance:

[redacted]

acted as chairman of the meeting
honorary chairman of the meeting

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[redacted] announced the purposes of the committee were to encourage the new KENNEDY administration to review relations with Franco Spain and to attempt to secure a more democratic form of government for the Spanish people.

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From the composition of the group and speakers the [redacted] appears to be a liberal-socialist organization. The VALB aided the new committee by selling tickets and advertising the meeting by letters containing news of the committee.

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It was announced at the meeting that the Committee For A Democratic Spain will continue until it is able to help the Spanish people and they hope to establish other committees in other cities.

A collection was taken at the meeting and it was announced that \$1124 was received. The VALB contributed \$82.

There were quite a few persons there who were of Spanish background but most appeared to be North Americans.

[redacted] donated \$100 to the new committee.

Also in attendance were [redacted]
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On 2/23/61 NY 1637-S* furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHIL and CONNIE BART at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY. Among the information furnished by this source was the following.

The source furnished a photograph of two personal money order receipts drawn on the Chase Manhattan Bank of New York. These receipts were both dated 2/14/61, one made to Mrs. [redacted] in the amount of \$25.00, and the other to the subject in the amount of \$20.00. Both appeared to have been bought by [redacted] Brooklyn, NY. The original photograph of this information is being made as an enclosure with the letter to Pittsburgh.

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(1 - 100- [redacted] (MRS. [redacted])
① - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-83193) [redacted]
1 - New York (100-55846) [redacted]

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DATE: 3/21/61

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)
SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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(OO: New York)

NY 694-S*, on 3/14/61, furnished SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON with a copy of the minutes of a meeting on 3/1/61, of the Secretariat of the CPUSA. A Photostat of this document was made, as the original had to be returned to the informant.

3-Chicago (100-33741) (RM)
(1-61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-New York (100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (415)
1-New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
1-New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
1-New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
1-New York (100-105078) (HYMAN LUMER) (415)
1-New York (100-26018) (LOUIS WEINSTOCK) (415)
1-New York (100-89691) (CPUSA - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES) (415)
1-New York (100-86624) (CPUSA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (415)
1-New York (100-80640) (CPUSA - NEGRO QUESTION) (415)
1-New York (100-81675) (CPUSA - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS) (415)
1-New York (100-131666) (CPUSA - SOUTHERN REGIONAL COMMITTEE) (415)
1-New York (100-89590) (CPUSA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) (415)
1-New York (100-80644) (CPUSA - YOUTH MATTERS) (415)
1-New York (97-169) (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS, INC.) (415)
1-New York (134-91) (INVES) (41)
1-New York (100-80641) (415)

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Following is the text of these minutes:

"Secretariat Meeting - March 1

"Starting of a daily newspaper

"Louie reported on the need of considering the approach and type of such a paper as well as ways of starting it. He indicated that there isn't sufficient response to the decision which was adopted at the national convention to support the organization of such a daily Marxist newspaper.

"Motion: That we proceed and give support to an independent committee to raise a fund specifically for such a daily newspaper and that this fund be completely separated from The Worker.

A subcommittee of Gus, Jim and Louie was appointed to go into this matter further.

"Foster Anniversary and Worker Mass Meeting

"Motion: That resolutions be prepared for this meeting dealing with Lumumba, Cuba, defense as related to the new attacks on civil liberties in the Supreme Court decisions, and a greeting to Foster.

"South

"Claude reported briefly on a meeting held over the past weekend in Baltimore of the Negro Commission where this question was discussed, and the need of giving attention to this work, with special emphasis on the following forces: religious, youth, white and labor. He also stressed the need of further strengthening solidarity for the South in the Northern communities and in our Party nationally.

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"Motions: 1. That a Subcommittee on Southern work be established.

2. That in our activity in the South we stress the circulation of Marxist printed material.
3. That we plan a series of tours in the South.
4. The Trade Union and Youth Commissions to discuss how to help in developing and stimulating work in these fields, especially as relating to the organization of the unorganized.
5. Next meeting of the Org. Commission to discuss the South, with Jim present.

"Task Force on Reorganization of Work in the Center

"Phil gave an interim report on the work of the committee which has recommended the elimination of the secretariat and establishment of the N.E.C. as the regular functioning authoritative national political body of the Party. After considerable discussion, the following motion was adopted:

"Motion: That the committee meet and finalize its recommendations and proposals at the next meeting of the N.E.C. which is to be held next week.

"Defense

"Arnold reported on the recent decisions of the Supreme Court and the fact that 46 more contempt cases are before the Court. He also dealt with the decisions relative to the Cleveland Taft-Hartley case and with Winston and Green.

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"He indicated the need of joining with other forces in establishing a defense committee to deal with a number of questions which are now not under consideration by other defense bodies. Such a movement will also seek united support with other defense groups in the country.

"Agenda for N.E.C. Meeting

"The following agenda was finalized:

1. Unemployment. This point to be opened with an introduction by Hy on the economic situation, followed by specific reports by a number of districts throughout the country.

That under this point there also be a report on the NALC Conference in Washington.

2. Report of the Committee on reorganization of the Work of the National Center.
3. Defense.
4. Report on problems relative to Taft-Hartley and Smith Act which is now before the Supreme Court.

That a committee be set up by the N.E.C. to report back on this matter at this session of the N.E.C.

5. Report on daily Marxist newspaper.
6. Setting up of a committee to work on a Constitution to be presented for discussion prior to the next Convention.

Meeting adjourned"

Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
FD-306 (3-21-58)

Date received 2/8/61	Received from (name or symbol number) 	Received by SA JOHN A. HAAG
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Remarks:

The following individual was noted at CPUSA
Headquarters on PHIL BART

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Identity of Informant

NY 1749-S*
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Characterization

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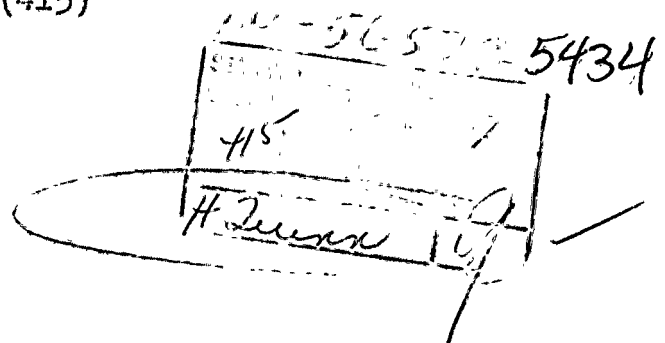
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NY 1749-S* has reported that on 3/15/61, HY (LUMER) contacted PHIL (BART)..asked if PHIL has PHIL (ph) FRANKEL's (PHIL FRANKFIELD) and IZZIE's..numbers. PHIL said he doesn't have FRANKEL's..thinks it's in the Bronx book under her maiden name..gave IZZIE's number as LU 7-0248.

1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-15383) (PHIL FRANKFIELD)
1-NY (100-19579) (ISADORE WOFSY) (415)
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SA HAROLD P. QUINN

BETTY GANNETT
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NY 1749-S* has reported that on 3/15/61, (BETTY GANNETT) contacted PHIL BART..asked if it's on for Tuesday. BILL said he'll see (GUS) in the morning. BETTY agreed that 6:30 or 8:00 is okay...PHIL will check and let her know.. said he isn't leaving town till 11..will go to the office first..BETTY said that CLARENCE feels that an exchange between us..without MIKE..would be preferable..as CLARENCE is convinced that (MIKE) has to go. BETTY would like to have MIKE eliminated on the basis of rejecting his policy then on anything else.. thinks MIKE should be there. PHIL said, we all have a common position..and there's no question of having a meeting before.. BETTY said it depends on GUS as he has to be involved. PHIL will speak to him in the morning...will leave word for BETTY.

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Via AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
ORGANIZATION
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(OO: NY)

Re NY airtel 3/16/61, and Chicago letter 3/16/61, to Bureau.

It is noted that in referenced airtel, it is reported that NY 694-S* had learned from GUS HALL on 3/15/61, that at the 3/9 and 10/61 meeting of the NEC, the following were elected to a National Board:

GUS HALL
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
JAMES JACKSON
HYMAN LUMER
BENJAMIN J. DAVIS
PHILIP BART
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

3-Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)
3-Chicago (100-33741) (RM)
(1-61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
①-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
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1-New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
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The following were said to be working for and with the National Board, but were not actually members:

WILLIAM WEINSTONE
CLARENCE HATHAWAY
ARNOLD JOHNSON

In referenced Chicago letter, CG 5824-S* reported that JAMES WEST, in reference to the same election, identified the following as National Board members:

GUS HALL
HYMAN LUMER
JAMES JACKSON
JACK STACHEL
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
✓ CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
PHIL BART
BENJAMIN J. DAVIS
CLARENCE HATHAWAY

The remaining member, of a National Board of ten, although not definitely known, was said to be possibly IRVING POTASH.

HALL, FLYNN, JACKSON, LUMER, DAVIS, BART and LIGHTFOOT appear on both lists.

HALL identifies HATHAWAY as working with the Board, while WEST identifies him as a member.

HALL identifies WEINSTONE and JOHNSON as working with the Board, but WEST does not name them.

WEST identifies STACHEL and possibly POTASH as the last of a ten member board.

It is suggested that Chicago bring this to the attention of CG 5824-S*, so that the matter will be resolved.

The NYO will alert NY 694-S* and for the same purpose.

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On 3/23/61, NY 694-S* advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON that in a contact with GUS HALL on 3/21/61, the latter made further mention of the individuals who are members of the newly formed National Board of the CP. On this occasion, HALL named them as follows: GUS HALL, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, HYMAN LUMER, JAMES JACKSON, IRVING POTASH, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr., PHILIP BART, JACK STACHEL and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT.

HALL also repeated what he previously had mentioned on 3/15/61, regarding WILLIAM WEINSTONE, CLARENCE HATHAWAY and ARNOLD JOHNSON; namely, that they will work for and with the National Board, but will not be members thereof.

Pending clarification of the make up of the National Board, no letterhead memorandum is being submitted.



In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Boston, Massachusetts
March 24, 1961

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, NEW
ENGLAND DISTRICT, YOUTH MATTERS

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on March 13, 1961 that MORTIMER DANIEL RUBIN, (Youth Director, CP, USA) planned to go to Boston with PHIL BART, March 15-19, 1961.

Another source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on March 22, 1961 that a meeting of the District Committee, CP, USA, New England District, was held on March 19, 1961 at Sharon, Massachusetts, which was attended by PHIL BART of New York and one "DANNY", last name unknown, of Philadelphia, who was introduced as Chairman of the Progressive Youth Organization in Philadelphia. This source stated that "DANNY" had done quite a bit of leg work during the few days he had spent in the Boston area with PHIL BART and had made a list of names of college students and teenagers for interviews and had set forth work to be done on campuses and among teenage groups.

This same source also stated that at this meeting there was some discussion relative to a resolution which had been written by HOMER CHASE, former District Organizer, CP, USA, New England District, and presented at the February 26, 1961 reception for ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN in Boston, concerning the murder of PATRICE LUMUMBA in the Congo. According to the source members of the District Committee felt that the aim of HOMER CHASE in this respect was to disrupt the District Committee. In connection with this matter the source stated that at the FLYNN reception on February 26, 1961 the HOMER CHASE resolution charged the United States with the murder of LUMUMBA and stated the United Nations should get out of the Congo. Following this reception ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN stated that she did not

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like the wording and timing of the LUMUMBA resolution and that she wanted no part of it. She stated that if and when such a resolution was formulated it would be better to charge the United Nations with the murder of LUMUMBA instead of the United States and also that this issue should be a top level topic in all activities.

The source submitting the above information on March 22, 1961, identified ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN as the newly elected Chairman of the Communist Party, USA.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

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Date: 3/24/61

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Via Airtel

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-76)

From: SAC, BOSTON (100-20781)

CP, USA, NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT
YOUTH MATTERS
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Enclosed herewith are five copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a meeting of the District Committee, CPUSA, New England District, held March 19, 1961 at Sharon, Mass.

The source who furnished information on March 13, 1961 was NY 2957-S*.

The New York Office is being requested by separate communication to furnish a photograph of MORTIMER DANIEL RUBIN to Boston for identification purposes.

The second source mentioned was [redacted] who furnished the information to SA DARREL B. CURTIS in written reports on [redacted]

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The letterhead memorandum is classified ~~Confidential~~ because disclosure of data from NY 2957-S* and [redacted] could reasonably result in the disclosure of informants of continuing value and compromise their future effectiveness.

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 - 1 - 100-3-80 (CP, USA, UNITED NATIONS) (Enc. 1)
 - 1 - 100-349078 [redacted] (Enc. 1)
 - 1 - 100-3284 (PHIL BART) (Enc. 1)
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 - 1 - 100-9365 [REDACTED] (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Philadelphia (100 - [REDACTED]) (Enc. 1)
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 - 1 - 100-20787 (CP,USA, FACTIONALISM)
 - 1 - 100-775 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-24914 (PHIL BART)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Bu 100-3-76

New York, New York
March 21, 1961

Re: Communist Party,
United States of America -
Youth

A Confidential Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 20, 1961, that Phil Dart, National Organizational Secretary, Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA) and Danny Rubin, National Youth Director of the CPUSA, had visited Dirk Struik, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Professor, during the week end of March 18, 1961. The source also said that Struik had given Rubin a list of professors from Harvard who consider themselves Marxists.

Source stated that Struik and another person are going to attempt to bring some of these professors together for the purpose of setting up a forum on a "Marxist approach to modern day college."

The CPUSA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-76)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80644)
SUBJECT: CPUSA - YOUTH
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NY 1750-S* advised on 3/20/61, that PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary of the CPUSA, had related to his wife, CONNIE, some of his activities in the New England CP District during the previous week end. (3/18/61). He said he and DANNY RUBIN had visited DIRK STRUIK, a Professor at M.I.T. BART said STRUIK had given RUBIN a list of professors from Harvard who consider themselves Marxists. He said the list contains a lot of very prominent persons.

BART said that STRUIK and MIKE (LNU) will work on bringing together some of these Marxist professors and attempt to set up a forum on a "Marxist approach to modern day college."

Enclosed are 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth above information.

3-Bureau (100-3-76) (Encl. 7) (RM)
3-Boston (Encl. 3) (RM)
 (1-100-1270) (DIRK STRUIK)
 (1-100-) (MIKE (LNU))
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603)

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1 - New York (97-169) (THE WORKER) (415)
1 - New York (100-128809) (CP, USA, NYD, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) (414)
1 - New York (100-128821) (CP, USA, NYD, FACTIONALISM) (414)
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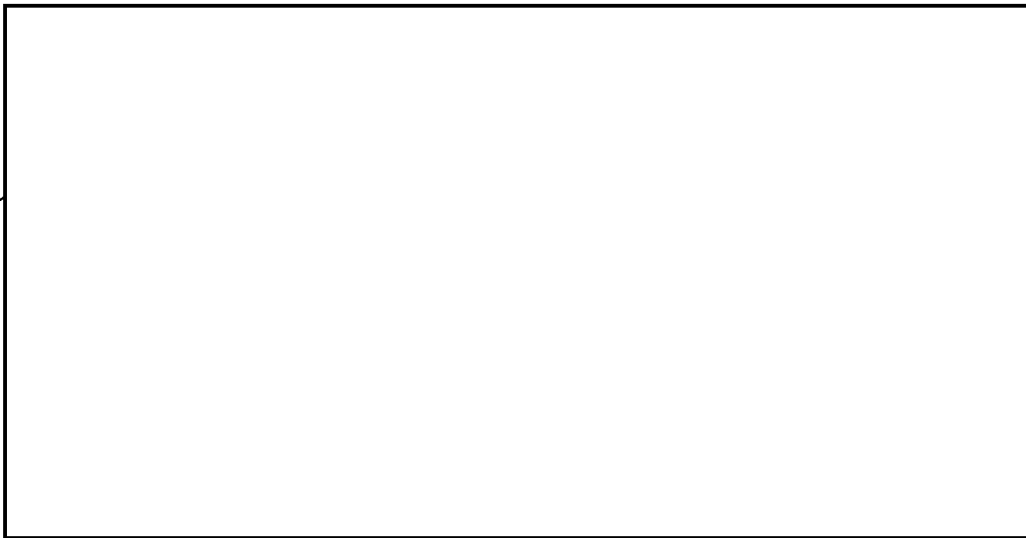
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On [redacted] there was a meeting of the [redacted]

[redacted] New York City.

Among those present were:



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The first session started about 11 AM Saturday morning and was chaired by [redacted] reported on the 81 Party Statement issued at the recent conference in Moscow. After the report which followed the Party line explicitly, there was a discussion of the statement and report.

After lunch [redacted] made a report on financial matters. She advised that \$6,000 out of \$7500 for the Worker had come in and that \$6800 out of \$8000 in sustainers had been paid in. In addition, a Carnegie Hall report was made to the effect that \$3600 had been turned in. It was noted that of this money Brooklyn had turned in \$1280 as its share.

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At the Sunday session, [redacted] spoke on the trade union activities saying that the reorganization was carrying out

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the policy laid down by the 17th National Convention and spoke of Transportation and the Waterfront as fields of activity.

After a discussion of the [redacted] report, [redacted] made a report on the status of the Party. In his report, [redacted] pointed out the role he played at the United Nations and criticized the state and national organizations of the Party for not making a statement or helping him in connection with the Police Brutality he suffered. He remarked that not even a protest was made in his behalf. He also commented that this meeting should have been on the Congo situation and the UN rather than on the 81 Party Declaration.

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[redacted] spoke on the new commissions and said that all are organized now and will be working and active from now on. She announced a city-wide meeting of club organizers and the State Committee on Trade Union matters and Peace to take place in April.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. Bu 100-3-69

New York, New York
March 24, 1961

Re: Communist Party,
United States of America -
Organization

A Confidential Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a meeting of Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA) functionaries was held in Communist Party (CP) headquarters, New York City, on March 23, 1961. Among those in attendance were the following:

Gus Hall, General Secretary, CPUSA
Jack Stachel, member of National Committee (NC), CPUSA
Hy Lumer, Educational Director, CPUSA
James Jackson, member of NC, CPUSA
Will Weinstone, member of NC, CPUSA
Phil Bart, Organizational Secretary, CPUSA
William Patterson, Vice Chairman, New York District (NYPD)
CPUSA
James Allen, member of NC, CPUSA
Ben Davis, National Secretary, CPUSA
Arnold Johnson, member of NC, CPUSA

Hy Lumer requested a leave of absence for approximately six months, in order to get his affairs in order in case he has to go to prison as a result of the Supreme Court ruling in the Labor Management Relations Act case against him. He said a petition for a rehearing has been submitted and, if he is successful in staying out of prison, he will use his time to write a book on the subject of "Capitalism since World War II."

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Re: Communist Party,
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Organization

A motion made by Gus Hall to replace Lumer with Jim Allen was passed. Hall said that the length of Hy Lumer's leave of absence would be determined at a later date when Lumer will know how much time will be required.

Jack Stachel reported on an editorial that is going into the Youth paper in regard to the Peace Corps being organized in the United States. He said the editorial was written on the basis of points discussed by the Youth Commission. The editorial takes the approach that Youth desires peace and wants an opportunity to serve in that direction but asks the rhetorical question, "Is this the actual objective of this organization or is its purpose open penetration for U.S. monopoly?" The editorial continues with a series of questions showing skepticism as to the true purpose of the Peace Corps. For example, "Why is there an FBI check on those who should go?", "Are the African people going to be confronted with anti-Communism?", "If it is to promote cooperation why is there not a joint affair with other countries?"

According to Stachel, the editorial concludes that as it stands now, the Peace Corps is not good, will not change and is not endorsed.

James Jackson commented on the six week training program for candidates for the Peace Corps, noting that it is designed to answer the challenge of Communist ideology and penetration. He said this will be a thoroughly reactionary school. The Peace Corps will be a brigade of youth under government control for two years and will block progress in the domestic affairs of the country. Jackson described members of the Peace Corps as "the young Jesuits of Capitalism" and "a junior CIA." He characterized it as a menacing and dangerous thing.

Jack Stachel, speaking on the question of United States foreign policy, said the Party should develop movements and actions around Laos, Cuba, the Congo and the ending of nuclear tests.

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Re: Communist Party,
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James Jackson said the CPUSA should expose the fact that "our government is up to its neck in organizing a big blood letting in Cuba, just as Belgium did in the Congo."

The meeting concluded with a discussion of preparations for May Day, but no definite conclusions were reached and the matter is to be discussed at a later date.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)
SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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(OO: NY)

There are transmitted herewith 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a meeting of CP functionaries held on 3/23/61, in CP headquarters, NYC.

The Confidential Source utilized was NY 2359-S*.

This memorandum has been classified ~~confidential~~ because it contains information from a source, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the CPUSA and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
IS-C

Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Characterization	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	3/14/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 3/14/61, PHIL (BART) contacted SI (GERSON)..PHIL told him about VERA (HATHAWAY) having a stroke..is better now..may be moved to Beth-Israel tomorrow..CLARENCE was at the hospital to visit her..

SI asked how ELIZABETH FLYNN's press conference went. PHIL said the room was packed..has press, radio, TV..MURRAY KAMPTON from the "Post" was there..also the "Christian Science Monitor" and "London Times" ..said that ELIZABETH did a good job answering the questions. SI thinks she's done better than anyone else on "that floor".. PHIL said that he and GUS spoke to KEMPTON later and KEMPTON remarked that "she's a nice lady"..PHIL thought he should use that as the basis of his article. SI asked how PHIL advised the media.. PHIL said he had the girls call the UP and AP..said the guy from the "Christian Science Monitor" had been in East Germany.. PHIL said that ELIZABETH is leaving for Seattle tomorrow.. mentioned that they had a disgusting telegram..filthy..dirty.. from Seattle..they voted, no..thinks it might be used if ELIZABETH has a conference there..SI remarked that they have

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to have "stoolies"..and thinks that when the Government gets something like that they usually keep it to themselves..told SI that ELIZABETH will be back the first part of May..said he spoke to the California people..gave them some ideas..SI told PHIL that if he writes to the California people, this WPA (ph) guy is attached to the Pacifica Foundation. PHIL knows this.. SI said he understands "you guys" are putting out the statement he drafted on HERSINGER. PHIL said it's out already..gave it to the guys..doesn't know if BETTY got out the other story..

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
ORGANIZATION
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(OO: New York)

DATE: 3/27/61

NY 694-S*, on 3/20/61, made available to SA
ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON, a copy of the minutes of the
meeting of the full National Executive Committee on 3/9 and 10/61.

6-Chicago (100-33741) (RM)
 (1-100-12459) (FLO HALL)
 (1-61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
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 (1-100-19491) (CPUSA - Illinois District, Domestic
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2-San Francisco (65-1242) (ALBERT "MICKIE" LIMA) (RM)
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The text of this document follows:

"Meeting of the full N.E.C. - March 9-10, 1961

"Agenda:

Unemployment situation and reports on movements developing in various sections of the country.

Committee on Constitution.

Defense.

Report on Reorganization of Center.

Starting of a daily newspaper.

"At the opening of the meeting it was proposed that a committee be elected to bring in recommendations relative to the Supreme Court decisions on the Mc Carran and Smith Act and defense. The following were elected to the Committee: Carl, Mickie, Arnold, Jack and Irving.

"Unemployment:

"Hy opened the discussion on the developing economic situation. He indicated a further decline in industrial production and that while there is a possible spring pickup, the outlook is estimated as generally dubious for the balance of the year, with the decline still continuing in employment with a probably 10% figure. Following his introduction which is to be published, specific reports were made.

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1-New York (97-169) (Publishers New Press) (415)
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"Mickie (North. Calif.). Said that many industries operate on a four-day week, some alternate weeks. California has already extended its 13-week unemployment insurance. In the lumber industry unemployment runs as high as 21-22%. In the lumber area they have community councils which were already established in '57. They comprise labor, ministerial and other organizations. There is no organization of unemployed. The main stress is on the responsibility and activities of the trade unions. The Party leaflet has been well received.

"Dorothy (Southern Calif.) Los Angeles is hard hit with 7.1% unemployed. It is a depressed area. The Urban League estimates Negro unemployment as high as 20%. Unemployment is felt sharpest among industrial workers and less so among white collar workers in the area. There is a committee in Los Angeles which is about 5 years old and is comprised primarily of older people that has been issuing leaflets and other material in the city. She reported that the unemployed look primarily to the existing organizations for lead.

"Jim (Illinois) Joblessness reaching the 400,000 mark. At a conference of Steel on this question some 400 attended and the program adopted included: Unemployment benefits for one year with 65% of pay check; replace the sales tax; abolish garnishments. There is sentiment among these workers of waiting for the adoption and application of the Kennedy program and the adjustment of this in the State Legislature. Farm Equipment held a conference of 200. The Harvester local alone has 1688 working with 1570 laid off. Likewise automation has also hit Mc Cormack which has 800 left of a work force of 3000. Local 65 of Steel has opened headquarters for counseling service.

"Chicago

"The labor movement is making FEP as one of the main legislative demands in the State. There is also consideration in some areas of surplus food for distressed areas and a state bill to eliminate discrimination in housing which will also affect jobs.

"Our Party clubs have been reporting on developments and treatment of workers at the unemployment centers and also indicated that our leaflet is well received.

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"In the South Side, according to our comrades, there is the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee on unemployment.

"Tommy (Michigan)

"Tommy reported for Michigan. The State Committee has discussed this question and indicated this is no temporary situation. They are now preparing a state pamphlet. In this state where unemployment is very high, one can observe the offensive of big business to split the working class. The main stress is the work of UAW which has undertaken a number of activities including conferences. There is one unemployed committee initiated by forces outside the union which has Trotskyite influence and is aimed at splitting labor.

"Ted reported on the recent conference of NALC in Washington which stressed the need of a crash program on unemployment as it affects the Negro workers. In the major cities Negro unemployment is 2-3 times higher than the general average. At the conference, Congressman Powell called for an Executive Order to eliminate discrimination in government employment and government contracts. He called for a target date nationally on this question and demanded similar efforts to overcome discrimination which must also take place in international unions. This was rejected by the Executive Council. They are now planning a conference in New York on April 29th and are proposing similar gatherings in different parts of the country.

"Betty spoke about Buffalo where unemployment has hit 12% with Negro joblessness around 20-22% and 15,000 added weekly to the relief rolls. Unemployed committees exist in Auto union but are not active. There is urgent need for community unemployed organizations. In New York it is reported that existing organizations in the community are undertaking activities thru their welfare committees etc.

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"Before discussion on the above reports, the following motion was made and adopted:

To adjourn this discussion for a special order of business.

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"The special order of business was opened by Gus who raised the matter of electing a national chairman to succeed Comrade Dennis who died last January. Claude then reported for the Secretariat and nominated Elizabeth Gurley Flynn as national chairman. Following a discussion, the motion was adopted with one abstention:

"That a referendum of the National Committee be taken immediately so as to make it possible to release the news the early part of the week prior to the departure of Com. Flynn for the West Coast.

"The following referendum was sent to all N.C. members:

REFERENDUM

"In view of the death of Comrade Eugene Dennis, a vacancy has been created in the office of National Chairman.

"The National Executive Committee now meeting in session has discussed this matter and recommends to the National Committee the election of Comrade Elizabeth Gurley Flynn to fill the post of National Chairman.

"A further recommendation proposes that a referendum be taken of all members of the National Committee on this nomination.

"The N.E.C. requests that the members of the National Committee send in their ballot on this matter no later than Monday morning (March 13th).

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"Following this point, discussion continued on unemployment and a motion was adopted that:

"Hy and Irving to draft a memorandum on unemployment based on the discussion and recommendations at this meeting to be ready within one week and to be sent out to all sections of the Party.

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"Committee on Constitution

"The following committee was elected to begin working on a draft of a new Party Constitution:

Phil, Flo, Ben (L.A.), Arnold, Will, Bill
Albertson, Tommy, Erik, Nabried.

"Defense

"Arnold reported and indicated that steps are being taken to establish a new organization dealing with defense of civil liberties. He indicated:

1. Steps are being taken to set up an office for such a committee.
2. To encourage the establishment of similar and not necessarily uniform committees in other areas. That the press be utilized much more.
3. That it is possible now to develop an offensive against the reactionary decisions of the Supreme Court regarding the whole question of right of political choice and presenting our viewpoint of peaceful transition, etc. He also raised the question of organizing a national conference in June and if that is not possible, then in October.

"Report on Reorganization of National Center (task force)

"Ben made the report for the Committee. The following motion was adopted:

"That we elect a National Executive Board comprising the members of the N.E.C. in the National Center, and that they be politically responsible to the National Executive Committee.

"Daily Newspaper

"Gus dealt with the decision of the 17th National Convention to start a daily newspaper. Following the discussion, Gus, Jim and Louie were elected as a subcommittee to take further action."

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

3/28/61

SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

PHILIP BART

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WEEKLY SUMMARY - 3/20-26/61

(CINAL)

3/20/61

NY 1749-S* advised that DANNY RUBIN had contacted the subject's wife and told her that the subject was on his way home and that he had just dropped DANNY off at his house.

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject had discussed with his wife some of his activities in the New England CP District during the weekend. He said that he and RUBIN had visited DIRK STRUIK, a Professor at MIT. He said that STRUIK had given RUBIN a list of professors from Harvard who considered themselves Marxist. He commented that the list contained a lot of very prominent persons.

BART continued that STRUIK and a MIKE LNU are going to work on bringing together some of these Marxist professors and attempt to set up a forum on a Marxist approach of Modern day college. (NY airtel to the Director, dated 3/21/61 captioned "CP, USA - YOUTH, IS-C).

CONNIE questioned the subject if he had seen many people while in Boston, and he answered saying, not as many as he would have liked to. He said he went to a party on Saturday night and saw some persons there but would have liked to have seen a lot more. He said that the District Committee meeting he had attended Sunday was a farce. He said a number of the members did not attend and had all kinds of excuses including sickness and work. He said the big issue at the meeting was a motion which had been passed by the club which HOMER CHASE belongs to, condemning OTIS HODD for "supporting the murderers of LUTHERA".

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He said at the end of the meeting they wanted to continue the discussion at the next District Committee meeting, however, he got up and said this would not be an issue at the next meeting and that they would discuss instead the influence of the Congo situation on the Negro Movement.

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NY 1750-S* advised that CONNIE BART mentioned to the subject that there was a meeting on Thursday night of all the CP organizers in New York City, but that she was in doubt that she would be able to attend. She then mentioned a new club which had been organized in Kings County and described some of its makeup.

The subject mentioned that MIMI (FRIEDLANDER) was to be in charge of the arrangements for the May Day activities.

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NY 2359-S* advised that the subject had been in attendance on that day at a meeting of CP National Functionaries held at CP National Headquarters, New York City. (New York airtel to Director 3/24/61, CP, USA - ORGANIZATION).

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject told his wife that a meeting of the "Board" had taken place that day and that there had been one the previous week, and that there would be one the following week. He said ordinarily meetings of the Board in the future will not occur so frequently. He said at the meeting they discussed the development of foreign policy in the new administration, and that he himself did not personally like the discussion. He criticized it as not having been properly prepared.

Subject then brought up the matter of the May Day parade which he said had been discussed and it created a large problem. He said the big question is where it is to be held right now. He said the "14th Street Businessmens Association" had a permit for Union Square for May 1st. He said they decided that they should put up a fight to try to obtain a permit for the same day although they probably will not win. He said the City has offered them Washington Square as an alternative on May 1st, and that they originally agreed to accept it. However, on giving it some thought the idea

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built up that Washington Square has a university with a lot of students and that it just is not a working class area, so they decided not to break tradition and turned down the offer. He continued that if the Party cannot get Union Square they will make a fight for 17th Street, nearby, and if they cannot get that they will take the Square for May 2. He said it would be better then going to Washington Square.

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NY 1749-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed that morning visiting VERA HATHAWAY at the hospital and then going to the HATHAWAY apartment to cook dinner for CLARENCE HATHAWAY. They both decided they would do this the following evening.

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NY 1750-S* advised that [redacted] Kings County CP [redacted] had visited the BARTS and had discussed his Section Organization with CONNIE BART.

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NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted LENA SCHERRER and BETTY GANNET and had discussed with them a meeting which he and his wife had attended the previous evening at the Hotel Martinique, New York City. This meeting was for the purpose of opening the drive for the start of a new Negro magazine called "Freedomways". The subject was very enthused about the attendance at the meeting, which he said was in the neighborhood of 400 people. He said that there was a large number of Negro people there, and they appeared to be a professional group. He said that OSSIE DAVIS, the Broadway actor, had been Chairman of the meeting, and that the two speakers had been SHIRLEY GRAHAM (DU BOIS), the editor of the paper, and the Ambassador of the Congo for the LUMUMBA Government. He described the whole affair as well organized and the composition as "excellent".

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NY 1749-S* advised that MORRIS (CHILDS) had attempted to contact the subject and had spoken to CONNIE BART. CONNIE told him that the subject was presently at a meeting but that she would pick him up in her car about 4:00 p.m. near his hotel and that from there they could make plans as to visiting the HATHAWAYS and the SCHERRERS.

TO : SAC, NEW YORK
FROM : SA JOHN A. HAAG (#41)
SUBJECT: *Phil Bart*
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA - ORGANIZATION
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ReNYairtel, 3/23/61, reflecting that there are inconsistencies in reports concerning the composition of the newly formed CPUSA National Board, and requesting that Chicago bring this to the attention of CG 5824-S for clarification.

Inasmuch as CG 5824-S was in NYC on 3/24/61, the NYO requested him to attempt to ascertain the identities of members of the new CPUSA National Board. The informant advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON on 3/27/61, that on 3/24/61, GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, named the following as members

3-Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)
3-Chicago (134-46) (CG 5824-S) (RM)
 {1-100- } (MORRIS CHILDS)
 {1-100- } (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
1-NY 66-6989 (INV.) (41)
1-NY 100-84994 (GUS HALL) (415)
1-NY 100-23825 (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS) (415)
1-NY 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
1-NY 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
1-NY 100-18065 (JACOB STACHEL) (415)
1-NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH) (415)
1-NY 100-5106 (CLARENCE HATHAWAY) (414)
1-NY 100-105078 (HYMAN LUMER) (415)
1-NY 100-56579 (PHILIP BART) (415)
1-NY 100-9595 (WILLIAM WEINSTONE) (415)
1-NY 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (414)
1-NY 100-128255 (MORTIMER DANIEL RUBIN) (415)
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of the CPUSA National Board: GUS HALL, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, JAMES JACKSON, JACK STACHEL, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, IRVING POTASH, CLARENCE HATHAWAY and HYMAN LUMER. HALL stated that MORRIS CHILDS is an "ex-officio" member of the National Board.

HALL named WILLIAM WEINSTONE, ARNOLD JOHNSON and DANNY RUBIN as individuals who would work for and with the National Board, but not as members thereof.

Noting that HALL had not included the name of PHIL BART in the list of National Board members, CG 5824-S subsequently asked BART whether the latter was a member of the National Board. BART replied that he definitely is a member of the said National Board.

CG 5824-S cannot explain why HALL omitted to name BART as a member of the CPUSA National Board, particularly since HALL went to the trouble of writing the names of the Board members on a piece of paper. CG 5824-S stated he would make every effort to resolve this problem of identifying CPUSA National Board members.

Pending clarification of the make-up of the National Board, no letterhead memorandum is being submitted.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, BUFFALO

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-128814)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-NYD-ORGANIZATION
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A copy of informant's oral report follows.

1-Buffalo (100-10454) [redacted] (RM)
1-NY [redacted] (INV.) (414)
1-NY 100-16785 [redacted] (15)
1-NY 100-26018 [redacted] (415)
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1-NY 100-13483 [redacted] (14)
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On [redacted]
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meeting of the New York State CP Committee.

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Among those present were the following:

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[redacted] delivered a report on the 81 Party
Statement. This was followed by several speakers who
commented favorably on the report in general.

[redacted] was overheard saying that she had to
leave early to attend an NALC meeting at which she was
scheduled to speak.



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Re: Communist Party, United States
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A confidential source advised on March 26, 1961, that, according to a top functionary of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), the following members of the newly formed CPUSA Control Commission held a meeting at CPUSA headquarters in New York City on March 24, 1961: William Weinstone, Morris Childs, William Patterson, and Alexander Trachtenberg. Also present at the meeting, but only as an invitee, was Philip Bart, CPUSA Organizational Secretary.

The source advised that the following members of the CPUSA Control Commission did not attend the above-mentioned meeting: Tom Nabried, Lemual Harris, Helen Winter, Lena Scherer, and Jack Kling.

The source further advised that Morris Childs is Chairman of the CPUSA Control Commission, and Tom Nabried is Vice-Chairman thereof. Helen Winter is Secretary, and Lena Scherer is Assistant Secretary, of the said Control Commission.

At the aforesaid meeting of the CPUSA Control Commission, it was decided that the Commission would operate

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with two principal subcommittees: One would be a "Review, Appeals, and Audit Subcommittee," members of which would be William Patterson, Alexander Trachtenberg, Lemual Harris, Lena Scherer, Tom Nabried, and Morris Childs.

The other subcommittee would be the "Cadre Subcommittee," members of which would be William Weinstone, Tom Nabried, Helen Winter, Morris Childs, Jack Kling, and Lena Scherer.

William Patterson will head a special committee that will investigate the dissident CP group in New Jersey which has called itself "The New Jersey CP." Patrick Toohey and William Albertson, members of the CPUSA National Committee, will assist Patterson in this investigation, although they are not members as such of the CPUSA Control Commission.

A special committee consisting of Alexander Trachtenberg, Lena Scherer, and Tom Nabried will investigate alleged anti-Party activities in Cuba of New York State CP functionaries Jack Shulman and "Jake" Rosen. Louis Weinstock and Irving Potash, members of the CPUSA National Committee, but not members as such of the CPUSA Control Commission, will be asked to assist in this investigation.

The discussion at the aforementioned Control Commission meeting concerned the need for greater security and discipline in the Party; the danger of "stool pigeons" in the Party; and the necessity of the Party's being ever alert to identify such "stool pigeons." Reference was made to the fact that persons who had been members of the Party for only a year in many cases were members of various Party committees. In the future, it would be well to get background information on all Party members, and to keep files on everybody. Attention was directed to the fact that over zealous CP members - those who are willing to do jobs nobody else wants to do - should be watched carefully. They might be "stool pigeons."

It was also decided at the aforesaid meeting that a recommendation would be made that in the larger CP districts local Control Commissions be set up to investigate local problems.

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It was also mentioned at the aforesaid meeting that, pursuant to a ruling of the National Committee, the Control Commission was required to review in six months the case of Homer Chase, the former New England CP District Organizer who had been removed from his position as a CP functionary.

Mention also was made at the meeting of Dorothy Healey, Los Angeles CP functionary, who had been critized by the CP for having written a letter - objectionable from the CP standpoint - to Alexander Bittelman, recently expelled from the CP. The Control Commission will inquire of the CPUSA National Executive Committee what Healey's status currently is.

Before the Control Commission meeting adjourned, it was decided that the Commission would hold meetings as often as the CPUSA National Executive Committee holds meetings, that is, at six or eight week intervals.

The CPUSA has been designated by
the Attorney General of the United
States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)
SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting the names of CP functionaries who are members of the newly formed Control Commission of the CPUSA, and the agenda at a Control Commission meeting held on 3/24/61.

The confidential source utilized in the letterhead memorandum is CG 5824-S, who furnished the above information to SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON on 3/26/61.

4-Bureau (100-3-69) (Encls. 8) (RM)
(1-100-3-84) (CPUSA-SECURITY MEASURES) (Encl. 1)
1-Boston (100-) (HOMER CHASE) (Encl. 1) (RM)
3-Chicago (134-46) (CG 5824-S) (Encl. 1) (RM)
(1-100-) (MORRIS CHILDS) (Encl. 1)
(1-100-) (JACK KLING) (Encl. 1)
1-Detroit (100-) (HELEN WINTER) (Encl. 1) (RM)
1-Los Angeles (100-) (DOROTHY HEALEY) (Encl. 1) (RM)
2-Newark (100-) (PAT TOOHEY) (Encl. 1) (RM)
(1-100-) (CPUSA-ORGANIZATION) (Encl. 1)
1-Philadelphia (100-) (TOM NABRIED) (Encl. 1) (RM)
1-NY 66-6989 (INV.) (41)
1-NY 100-9595 (WILLIAM WEINSTONE) (415)
1-NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (414)
1-NY 100-21421 (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG) (415)
1-NY 100-56579 (PHILIP BART) (415)
1-NY 100-7658 (LEMUAL HARRIS) (423)
1-NY 100-34665 (LENA SCHERER) (424)
1-NY 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (414)
1-NY 100-26018 (LOUIS WEINSTOCK) (415)
1-NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH) (415)
1-NY 100-20128 (ALEXANDER BITTELMAN) (421)
1-NY 100-111666 (JACK SHULMAN) (415)
1-NY 105-24891 (JAKE ROSEN) (414)
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United States Government
MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560)
SUBJECT: CP, USA-FUNDS
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Date 3/28/61

On 2/28/61, NY 2002-S* who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to the NYO data concerning income of the CP, USA, National Office received during the period 2/8/61 - 2/27/61. The following is a summary of this information:

<u>Receipt No.</u>	<u>Date of Receipt</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Details</u>
3130	2/8/61	C.M.	\$50.00	Contribution
3131	2/14/61	Unidentified	100.00	Contribution From a friend
3132	2/15/61	"The Worker"	100.00	Loan (payable)
3133	2/15/61	A Friend	3.00	Contribution
3134	2/15/61	Unidentified	200.00	Contribution
3135	2/15/61	Unidentified	300.00	Contribution
3136	2/16/61	Unidentified	200.00	Contribution
3137	2/16/61	Unidentified	1000.00	Contribution
3138	2/16/61	Unidentified	1000.00	Contribution
3139	2/16/61	P. BART	100.00	Loan (payable)
3140	2/17/61	Unidentified	600.00	Contribution

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-63) (RM)
- 1 - NY 100-67234 (RUTH SHULMAN) (425)
- 1 - NY 100-45462 (ROSE BARON) (425)
- 1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-1696 (E.G. FLYNN) (415)
- ① - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - NY 97-169 ("The Worker") (415)
- 1 - NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-128861 (CP, USA, RESERVE FUNDS) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-128314-SubA (NY County CP Funds) (414)
- 1 - NY 100-128314 (NY State CP Funds) (414)
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<u>Receipt No.</u>	<u>Date of Receipt</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Details</u>
3141	2/17/61	Unidentified	\$ 25.00	Contribution
3142	2/17/61	New York State	232.50	127 dues (gross \$465.00)
3143	2/20/61	Unidentified	200.00	Contribution
3144	2/21/61	P. BART	70.00	Loan (payable)
3145	2/21/61	E.G.FLYNN	64.81	Refund on travel exp.
3146	2/23/61	New York County	27.81	Floral wreaths DENNIS and BARON (exchange)
3147	2/23/61	Unidentified	230.00	Contribution
3148	2/23/61	Unidentified	450.00	Contribution
3149	2/24/61	Unidentified	200.00	Contribution
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3152	2/24/61	Unidentified	200.00	Contribution
3153	2/27/61	Unidentified	50.00	Contribution From a friend
3154	2/27/61	Unidentified	500.00	Contribution
3155	2/27/61	Wm. P.	19.00	Return on Nat'l Negro Comm. Expenses

All of the above receipts were signed by "R.S.", believed to be the initials of RUTH SHULMAN, a clerical employee of the CP, USA National Office.

If the above information is to be used in reports disseminated outside the Bureau, it should be carefully paraphrased so as to protect the identity of NY 2002-S*.

SAC, NEWARK

3/28/61

SAC, NEW YORK (100-1696)

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
IS-C; ISA-1950
(OO: NY)

On 3/13/61, NY 2318-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN told PHIL BART that the meeting in New Jersey the previous day had been a good one, with some 23-24 people attending and a collection of \$70.00 on the ("Worker") quota. They then discussed items for the press release on FLYNN's selection as new Chairman of the CPUSA, with FLYNN relating that she originally was active in the IWW for many years and was a labor organizer in the textile areas in the East as well as the metal mining regions of the Rocky Mountains. ELIZABETH said she was also active in the defense movement of SACCO-VANZETTI in the 1920's and had become active in the Party after 1935, although she had joined earlier, but was sick for a period.

JIM ALLEN told FLYNN of his trip to the Soviet Union and that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER is presently in a sanitorium at Barbika (ph). ELIZABETH said this is the same place where she stayed. FLYNN added that things look good for a trip (by her to Russia) in the fall.

On 3/14/61, NY 2359-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL BART told FLYNN that a telegram was received from the first place she is going which is an "ephemeral brick." (Apparently referring to a telegram from BURT NELSON in Seattle protesting the manner in which FLYNN was selected as new Chairman CPUSA). He said the telegram challenges the authority to conduct a referendum, appeals the decision and constitutes a no vote if the referendum goes through and that the vote be given publicity. FLYNN replied that she can't stand that guy and thinks he is crazy.

1-Newark (100-) (CPUSA - ORGANIZATION) (RM)
1-Seattle (100-127) (BURT NELSON) (RM)
①-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-New York (100-32826) (JIM ALLEN) (415)
1-New York (100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
1-New York (100-27452) (BOB THOMPSON) (415)
1-New York (100-1696) (415)

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On the same date, NY 2318-S* advised that EOB THOMPSON called to congratulate FLYNN on her selection as Chairman, but complained that he had to wait to hear the news on radio. He told her that she has his full support. In referring to her press conference that day, FLYNN said it had gone off very well and she had been treated kindly by those present which in itself was a remarkable thing.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-144189)

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.
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Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Characterization	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	3/25/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 3/25/61, PHIL (BART) contacted BETTY (GANNETT) and told her that Monday is all right. BETTY asked where they should meet and PHIL said he would call her at 8:30 or 9:00. He said they would be together all morning. BETTY asked if he thought she could make an appointment with CONNIE at 1:00 and PHIL said he thought so.

PHIL told BETTY about the meeting launching that magazine. He said that it was good. PHIL said that the important thing was the large number of Negro people there and they looked like a professional group. BETTY asked if they raised any money and PHIL said they didn't have any collection, that the money was made by having sponsors. PHIL added that it was well organized and the composition was excellent. BETTY said she was sorry she wasn't there. BETTY asked if he saw some people from Harlem and PHIL said that he saw a few, and that a large number of them were strange to him. BETTY asked who was Chairman and he said that his name was DAVIS...OSSE (ph) DAVIS, the actor and BETTY said yes. PHIL said the two speakers were SHIRLEY GRAHAM, the editor of the paper and the Ambassador of the Congo for the LUMUMBA Government.

1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (414)
1-NY (100-5106) (CLARENCE HATHAWAY) (414)
1-NY (100-87531) (SHIRLEY DU BOIS) (422)
1-NY (100-144189) (415)

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE:

PHILIP BART

Office File

100-56579

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: Apt 4G, 2415 Newkirk Ave. Bklyn, NY

Employment: Communist Party, USA

Address: 23 W 26 St. NY, NY

Key Facility ☐ Yes ☒ NoSecurity Flash ☒ Yes ☐ NoDetcom ☒ Yes ☐ NoPhoto ☒ Yes ☐ No

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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

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Method of Verification:

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-34275)

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SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-9839)

WILLIAM PATTERSON
IS-C
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re New York let to Pittsburgh, 2/6/61, which indicated that subject and PHIL BART might go to Pittsburgh on 3/17/61.

Contact with appropriate sources at Pittsburgh and spot tours of the residence of HERBERT KRANSDORF, Organizer, Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, on 3/17/61 failed to develop any information which would indicate that subject and BART were in Pittsburgh on that date.

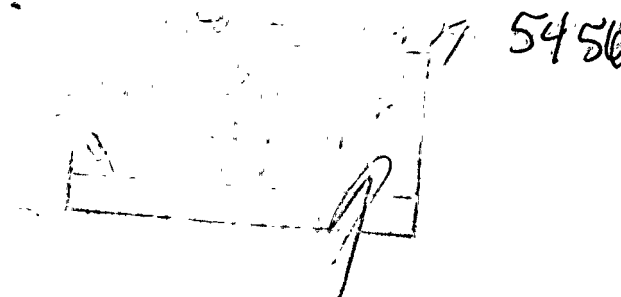
New York is requested to advise Pittsburgh if any additional information concerning this matter has been received.

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3 - New York (RM)
1-100-56579 (PHIL BART)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56579)
FROM : SA [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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DATE: 30 MAR 1961

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NY 694-S* advised on 2/27/61, that the National and New York State offices of the Communist Party; the Editorial and Office Staff of "The Worker," an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper, currently occupy the premises at 23 W. 26th St., NYC.

The above captioned subject was observed at 23 W. 26th St., as indicated below:

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3 / 13 / 61	X	X	WILLIAM J. BARRON
3 / 14 / 61	X	X	WILLIAM J. BARRON
3 / 15 / 61	X		WILLIAM J. BARRON

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SA JOHN L. FAGAN

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
IS-C; SA-40

On 3/31/61, NY 2002-S* made available 3 copies of the speech by GUS HALL at Carnegie Hall, NYC on 3/3/61, as well as 3 copies of a letter by PHIL BART which suggests the addressee will be interested in HALL's speech. One copy of each of the above is being designated for the file on FOSTER, HALL and BART.

1-NY (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
①-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-9365) (415)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-86624)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
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NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 30, 1961, that he had been told by GUS HALL, General Secretary, CPUSA, that in relation to the five American representatives which the Russians have expressed a desire to have attend the May Day celebration in Moscow, thirteen individuals have submitted a request for passports.

3 - Bureau (100-3-81) (RM)
1 - Baltimore (100-) (JACOB GREEN) (RM)
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(1-100-3313) (JACK KLING)
1 - Cleveland (100-) (EDWARD CHAKA) (RM)
1 - Detroit (100-8482) (TOM DENNIS) (RM)
1 - Los Angeles (100-4486) (DOROTHY HEALY) (RM)
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1 - NY 100-118174 (MILT ROSEN) (414)
① - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - NY 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (414)
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As soon as those of the thirteen individuals listed below receive their passports, HALL will then pick out five who will be considered the best to represent the CPUSA. The thirteen are as follows:

DOROTHY HEALY (Los Angeles)
JACOB GREEN (Baltimore)
TOM DENNIS (Detroit)
FRED BLAIR (Milwaukee)
SAM DAVIS (Minneapolis)
JACK KLING (Chicago)
LOU DISKIN (Chicago)
MIKE DAVIDOW (New York)
MILTON ROSEN (New York)
PHIL BART (New York)
TOM NABRIED (Philadelphia)
ARNOLD JOHNSON (New York)
EDWARD CHAKA (Cleveland)

New York will follow this matter with NY 694-S* and upon the determination of those individuals who will represent the CPUSA, a letterhead memorandum will be submitted to the Bureau reflecting those names.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
March 30, 1961

Bufile 100-3-69

Re: Communist Party,
United States of America -
Organization

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 29, 1961, that a meeting of leading functionaries of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA) was held on above date at Communist Party (CP) Headquarters, New York City. Among those in attendance were:

Gus Hall, General Secretary, CPUSA
Irving Potash, Labor Secretary, CPUSA
George Morris, Member, Editorial Staff of "The Worker"
Jack Stachel, Member of National Committee (NC),
CPUSA.

Phil Bart, Organizational Secretary, CPUSA
Hy Lumer, Educational Director, CPUSA
Ben Davis, National Secretary, CPUSA
Will Weinstone, Member of NC, CPUSA
Arnold Johnson, Member of NC, CPUSA
Danny Rubin, Youth Director, CPUSA
Herb Aptheker, Member of NC, CPUSA
Jim Allen, Member of NC, CPUSA

Irving Potash opened the meeting and reported on Trade Union activities. He said that President Kennedy has projected a 12 point economic program designed as an emergency measure to meet immediate needs. The program has been criticized by the AFL-CIO, but the Trade Union Movement, in general, is following the pattern as laid down by the Kennedy Administration.

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Potash commented that conservative forces are prepared to "trim down" or defeat Kennedy's 12 point program. Potash said, as regards a program of action by the Party, the direction of "our" actions should be to demand from the President, a public crusade, similar to the one Roosevelt conducted in the 1930's.

Potash concluded by recommending that the Party issue a public statement evaluating the economic situation.

George Morris recommended that the Party develop a movement around the shorter work week, old age benefits and develop pressure for a march on Washington.

Gus Hall said that what was needed was a grass roots movement to reverse the reactionary coalition in congress that is hindering the Kennedy Administration and attack it. Hall felt that if the Party were to do this, it would be picked up both by the Negro People's Movement and the Labor Movement.

Jack Stachel recommended that the Party organize a one-day conference as part of its struggle for unity of the left. He said a result of such a conference would be the issuance of a pamphlet or article on the establishing of a unified position.

Ben Davis said that the Party has to concentrate its activity against the forces represented by (Senator) Goldwater and others. Davis said that President Kennedy's "stock" has not fallen in the eyes

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of the Negro or working people, but the question is whether or not the situation will result in a paralysis as a result of the forces to the right with a distinct pro-Fascist character.

Davis cited as an example, the John Birch Society which he said is a powerful force. Davis also stated that there is an organized group of Harvard alumni whose program is that Harvard University is the seat of ideological and theoretical culture in America.

Phil Bart expressed the opinion that if the Party desires to play a role, the left forces have to be brought together. In order for the Party to translate its position into life, it requires an alliance with a number of other forces.

William Weinstone felt that the Party must rapidly consolidate the broader coalition of left progressive forces. He said the Party is seeking the widest possible unity in the country against monopolies and, therefore, its policy must be one in which it works with everybody.

Informant advised that most of the opinions expressed were for a broader program of left progressive forces, united with the Party to fight the growing reactionary force represented by Senator Goldwater, which is putting pressure on the Kennedy Administration.

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Danny Rubin said that even though the Party disagrees with the Kennedy Administration, it should center its attack against the reactionary forces.

Rubin said it would be very valuable if the Party could show the connection between the "open racist forces and the Goldwater front." He recommended that people be assigned to do research in this and prepare a leaflet, which he said, would be useful particularly among the Youth.

George Morris proposed a letter be sent to President Kennedy to the effect that in general, all sincere people consider his legislative program has to be carried, but think the President has to take the initiative, as President Roosevelt did, to mobilize the people behind his program.

Danny Rubin said there is a new situation developing in college campuses today and nearly every campus has a large growing core on such questions as discrimination, housing, disarmament, Cuba, death of Lumumba, struggle against loyalty oaths, opening of student files to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and security branches.

Rubin said that organizationally these groups are excellent and have good cooperation with other campus groups. Rubin noted that there are also reactionary groups on campus which sometimes tones down the action.

He said that the campus political groups consist of liberal and mass forces who act on all major issues confronting students. He divided the "left" on the campuses into 3 groups:

1. The graduate students who have had experience with the Labor Youth League (LYL) and the Party.

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2. Younger people, sons and daughters of Party people and of left progressive forces who did not have experience with the LYL. He said among this group there has been a better response to organize left forces and to have relations with the Party.

3. New left students from liberal backgrounds who in their desire for activity have moved to the left, but in general, they remain strongly anti-Communist.

Herb Aptheker said that, within the past six months, he has spoken at sixteen different colleges and has noted that the welcome given to Communists is growing and has a new quality. He noted that his own correspondence has increased and includes many letters from professors and authors who begin by saying they are not Communists but they would like to know the thinking of Communists.

Aptheker stated the Party should have an organized effort to "get ourselves into colleges." He added "it is criminal our literature is not available to colleges and universities." He claimed there is a great demand for it and there are hundreds of book stores and clubs that will take Party literature.

Gus Hall said the leadership should give careful consideration to Aptheker's proposals as "this could provide a major breakthrough to intellectualism." He commented that there should be a way to guide these loosely formed socialist clubs and added, "It isn't beyond the realm of possibility that we could have a separate student organization."

Hy Lumer mentioned that he had spoken in New Haven a month or so ago to a group of divinity students and was quite pleasantly surprised to find, in the midst of fundamental disagreement with Communists, a good deal of sympathy with "our socialist ideas" from a moral and ethical standpoint. He stressed the importance of quickly working out a plan for

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going out aggressively for invitations to speak at colleges. He proposed the issuance of a simple folder with a number of names and suggested subjects to be sent to appropriate student bodies and groups.

Phil Bart stated that the Party should work out a line of direction for the student movement. He remarked that the Party should center the organization "where we have it, as far as student work is concerned, in the PYOC" (Progressive Youth Organizing Committee).

Will Weinstone said there is an upsurge in interest in Marxism and it is related to the advance of the Soviet Union in science, art and culture. He commented that generally this advance is related to the tremendous role youth and students played in recent months in Japan and South Korea.

According to Weinstone, a recent issue of the "Moscow News" carried an article indicating a world youth forum will be held in Moscow this summer. He said he did not see any speakers from the United States listed, but he would not be surprised to see 500 or 600 youths go to the forum.

Weinstone favored an independent Marxist organization for youth.

Danny Rubin said the problem at this time is that of building a PYOC where a campus socialist club already exists. He said that Party influence must be strengthened within these campus socialist clubs.

"The Worker" is an East Coast weekly Communist publication.

The LYL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)
SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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There are transmitted herewith ten copies of a letterhead memorandum covering a meeting of leading functionaries of the CPUSA held on 3/29/61, at CP headquarters, NYC.

5-Bureau (100-3-69) (Encl. 10) (RM)
 (1-100-3-83) (CPUSA - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)
 (1-100-3-76) (CPUSA - YOUTH MATTERS)
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1-New York (100-48033) (IRVING POTASH) (415)
1-New York (100-13203) (GEORGE MORRIS) (415)
1-New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
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The confidential source utilized was NY 2359-S*.

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O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)
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DATE: 3-31-61

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On March 28, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SAs RICHARD W. HANSEN and JERRY H. BREIDENFELD with a handwritten letter

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 2) (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
- ⑤ - New York (Encl. 1) (RM) att 4-10-61 80641
 - ① - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
 - 1 - 100-23825 (BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.)
 - 1 - 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
 - 1 - 100-87211 (CP, USA - FACTIONALISM)
 - 1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
- 12 - Seattle (Encl. 1) (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (HORTENSE ALLISON)
 - 1 - 100- (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
 - 1 - 100- (HELEN LNU)
 - 1 - 100- (FNU, LNU, mother of HELEN LNU)
 - 1 - 100-127 (BURT NELSON)
 - 1 - 100- (MILFORD SUTHERLAND)
 - 1 - 100- (LINUS PAULING)
 - 1 - 100- (FNU WHEELER, brother of GEORGE WHEELER)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, WASHINGTON STATE DIST. - FACTIONALISM)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, WASHINGTON STATE DIST. - ORGANIZATION)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, USA, INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY, NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS)
 - 1 - 100- ("PEOPLES WORLD")

- 2 - Chicago
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dated March 20, 1961, Seattle, Washington, which had been written by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA). The item was photostated by the Chicago Office and the original returned to the source on March 29, 1961. Two photostats of this letter are being enclosed herewith for the Bureau and one photostat is being furnished to New York and to Seattle. One photostat has been made an exhibit and will be found in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3(191).

Set forth below is the verbatim contents of the above letter except for minor deletions of personal comments made by FLYNN. Information appearing in the parentheses was supplied by the source on March 28, 1961.

"March 20, 1961
Seattle, Wash.

"Dear

"Arrived back late last night - after a hectic weekend - Tacoma, Olympia and Port Angeles, good gatherings, tho small, of very fine people. Near Olympia it was a mid-day dinner and meeting at Hortense Allison's house, Helen's mother, a remarkable woman, full of energy and an organizer - just like Helen. On a farm near Port Angeles - I met another branch of the Wheeler family - George's brother, who is a dairy farmer and has five children, of all ages. All gatherings are for P.W. ("Peoples World") out here. Families come for miles around, I haven't seen so many babies in years - they say the birth rate here is the highest in the country. They are rosy cheeked and healthy - look like the Russians. The country too - with so many evergreen trees, looks like around Moscow, very beautiful.

"My friend (BURT NELSON) here, who is usually so belligerent in N.Y. is mild and easy going here. Occasionally they say (and he says) he has a burst of temper and does things he usually regrets later. He is much embarrassed at present. He was irked to get the N.C. (National Committee) letter about the election (of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN as Chairman) on Monday, after it was already in the press, and sent a blistering wire to Phil (BART), registering a big no and protest. He showed it to only one person here, Milf (MILFORD SUTHERLAND), who disagreed, but it had already gone. Now the election is greeted with such enthusiasm by the people, especially by the women that I doubt if he would dare tell them he voted against it. I never referred to it. But driving back last night, he opened up the subject and made a

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lengthy explanation - against methods of work in N.O. (National Office), etc. He appears better in his own territory and seems reasonably well liked. I go to Bellingham tomorrow and Wed. to see what the complaints are there. They are sure that Ben (DAVIS) did not when he was here. I'll do my best to find out what's wrong, at least, tho I doubt if it can be remedied.

"The press interview in N.Y. apparently hit the press all over the country. I had an interview here with a local representative of Newsweek, on St. Patrick's Day. It ought to be good.

"I received your very nice card for the day. It's no 'deviation' to be Irish! Anyhow they say the Irish are one of the lost tribes of Israel - so, it's a natural, you see, especially as you are 'sinpatica'.

".... Pauling (LINUS PAULING) had a big struggle in Bellingham to speak on invitation at the dedication of a college science building. All the profs and students supported him. He is now suing the local paper and individuals there for libel. He spoke, of course, and now will make them all back down. Best regards to all friends.

"....

Elizabeth" (FLYNN)

SAC, NEW YORK (100-74550)

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On 3/14/61, NY 2002-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to the NYO data concerning the CP, USA National Office Payroll. Following are details of payments made during the period, 1/6/61 - 3/17/61:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Paid During Week Ending</u>	<u>Salary for Week Ending</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net</u>
PHILIP BART	1/13/61	12/9/60	85.	68.15
	1/20/61	12/16/60	85.	68.15
	1/27/61	12/23/60	85.	68.15
	2/3/61	12/30/60	85.	68.15
	2/10/61	1/6/61	85.	68.15
	3/3/61	1/20/61	85.	68.15
BEN DAVIS	1/6/61	12/30/60	90.	77.10
	1/13/61	1/6/61	90.	77.10
	1/20/61	1/13/61	90.	77.10
	1/27/61	1/20/61	90.	77.10
	2/3/61	1/27/61	90.	77.10
	2/10/61	2/3/61	90.	77.10
	2/17/61	2/10/61	90.	77.10
	3/3/61	2/24/61	90.	77.10
	3/10/61	3/3/61	90.	77.10

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1 - New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (415)
1 - New York (100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (415)
1 - New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
1 - New York (100-105078) (HYMAN LUMER) (415)
1 - New York (100-63934) (JOAN PAUL) ()
1 - New York (100-67234) (RUTH SHULMAN) ()
1 - New York (100-82206) (WILLIAM STANLEY) ()
1 - New York (100-9595) (WILLIAM WEINSTONE) (415)
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<u>Employee</u>	<u>Paid During Week Ending</u>	<u>Salary For Week Ending</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net</u>
EUGENE DENNIS	1/6/61		90.	77.10
	1/13/61		90.	77.10
	1/20/61		90.	77.10
	1/27/61		90.	77.10
WILLIAM Z. FOSTER	1/6/61		90.	87.30
	1/13/61		90.	87.30
	1/20/61		90.	87.30
	1/27/61		90.	87.30
	2/3/61		90.	87.30
	2/10/61		90.	87.30
	2/17/61		90.	87.30
	3/3/61	2/23/61	90.	87.30
	3/10/61	3/3/61	90.	87.30
GUS HALL	1/6/61	12/16/60	90.	77.10
	1/13/61	12/23/60	90.	77.10
	1/27/61	12/30/60	90.	77.10
	2/3/61	1/6/61	90.	77.10
	2/10/61	1/13/61	180.	155.20
	2/17/61	1/27/61	90.	77.10
	2/24/61	2/3/61	90.	77.10
	3/3/61	2/10/61	90.	77.10
	3/10/61	2/17/61	90.	77.10
HYMAN LUMER	1/6/61	12/30/61	90.	71.60
	1/13/61	1/6/61	90.	71.60
	1/20/61	1/13/61	90.	71.60
	1/27/61	1/20/61	90.	71.60
	2/3/61	1/27/61	90.	71.60
	2/10/61	2/3/61	90.	71.60
	2/17/61	2/10/61	90.	71.60
	2/24/61	2/17/61	90.	71.60
	3/3/61	2/24/61	90.	71.60
	3/10/61	3/3/61	90.	71.60

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<u>Employee</u>	<u>Paid During Week Ending</u>	<u>Salary for Week Ending</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net</u>
	1/6/61		90.	74.40
	1/13/61		90.	74.40
	1/20/61		90.	74.40
	1/27/61		90.	74.40
	2/3/61		90.	74.40
	2/10/61		90.	74.40
	2/17/61		90.	74.40
	2/24/61		90.	74.40
	3/3/61		90.	74.40
	3/10/61		90.	74.40
	3/17/61		90.	74.40
	RUTH SHULMAN	1/6/61		75.
1/13/61			75.	60.55
1/20/61			75.	60.55
1/27/61			75.	60.55
2/3/61			75.	60.55
2/10/61			75.	60.55
2/17/61			75.	60.55
2/24/61			75.	60.55
3/3/61			75.	60.55
3/10/61			75.	60.55
WILLIAM STANLEY	1/6/61		85.	68.15
	1/13/61		85.	68.15
	1/20/61		85.	68.15
	1/27/61		85.	68.15
	2/3/61		85.	68.15
	2/10/61		85.	68.15
	2/17/61		85.	68.15
	2/24/61		85.	68.15
	3/3/61		85.	68.15
	3/10/61		85.	68.15

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<u>Employee</u>	<u>Paid During Week Ending</u>	<u>Salary for Week Ending</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net</u>
WILLIAM WEINSTONE	1/13/61	12/23/60	85.	68.15
	1/20/61	12/30/60	85.	68.15
	1/27/61	1/6/61	85.	68.15
	2/3/61	1/13/61	85.	68.15
	2/10/61	1/20/61	170.	136.30
	2/17/61	2/3/61	85.	68.15
	3/3/61	2/10/61	85.	68.15
	3/10/61	2/17/61	85.	68.15

If the foregoing information is used in reports disseminated outside the Bureau, it should be carefully paraphrased to protect the identity of NY 2002-S*.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

4/5/61

SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

PHILIP BART

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WEEKLY SUMMARY - 3/27 - 4/2/61 - CINAL

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject had complained to his wife, CONNIE, about BEN DAVIS and the fact that he is always saying he has not anything to do and has not been given any responsibility. Subject stated that when he went to headquarters that day, DAVIS was in his office with ARNOLD JOHNSON for half an hour and then he sat around and "chewed the fat" with other people until it was time to go home. He continued that when DAVIS is selected to head a committee, the others on the committee have to check with him to make sure he attends the meetings. He commented that DAVIS has been getting away with this for years and he manages to do it all the time.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had been visited some time ^{passed} midnight by INA HALFANT, Kings County CP member, who asked the subject if he knew a minister from the South named CLAUDE WILLIAMS. Subject told HALFANT that he did and he believed WILLIAMS had done

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a good job for them (evidentially the CP) in Detroit. HALFANT told BART that WILLIAMS had been doing a wonderful job around Birmingham, Alabama and that she had heard he had been left one million dollars. She said that he is 66 years old and apparently has travelled to raise money for certain groups. Subject asked HALFANT if she had WILLIAMS' address and she said that she did and that he lives about 20 miles outside of Birmingham. BART said that he is going to see someone who WILLIAMS probably approached for money. He said that he would like to have seen WILLIAMS so as to have him get in touch with "our individual" who is going down "there" shortly. He said that this is rather difficult to do by letter. He said the important thing about WILLIAMS is that he can be important in an area where "we" need help.

This source advised that later that evening, the subject told his wife about ESTHER FOSTER, wife of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, who apparently must see a doctor before she goes to Russia. He said, however, she has not been to the doctor's because she claims no one will take her. He said that FOSTER's daughter (SYLVIA KOLKO) has only one child and there is not any reason why she should not be able to take her. He said actually all she has to do is take a cab to the office but that she just will not get up and do it. He said this is not the type of thing the Party should be involved in yet he and GUS HALL have spent hours trying to straighten it out.

CONNIE BART then questioned the subject as to who was going to do the educational work for the Party now that HY LUMER was on a leave of absence. PHIL told her that it was probably going to be taken over by JIM ALLEN and that this would include "Political Affairs."

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She then brought up the matter of a National Convention and PHIL said that the National Office has almost convinced everyone that there is no need for a convention. CONNIE asked if this means there will not be one until December and PHIL answered that there really is not a need and that next spring would probably be soon enough.

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NY 2359-S* advised that the subject had been in attendance on that day at a meeting of leading functionaries of the CP, USA which had been held at CP National headquarters. (NY airtel to Director, dated 3/30/61, captioned CP, USA - Organization).

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject had complained to his wife about the meeting at CP National headquarters that day, which he claimed was too long. He complained about ARNOLD JOHNSON and WILL WEINSTONE as being too long winded and belaboring everything unnecessarily. He said the meeting concerned two reports, both of which were very good. He commented that one of the reports by DANNY RUBIN on the developments of student activities on campuses in line with the CP program, was excellent and that HERBERT APTHEKER had also spoke regarding his experiences at speaking engagements in the last six months.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject's wife had told him earlier that morning that she was meeting IDA (POSNER) at the New York State CP Office at 6:00 p.m. and wondered if he would be there at that time. Subject told her that he doubted it as he had business elsewhere. He then complained about the inefficiency of the

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help at the National Office and said he had to do everything himself.

Later that evening, the subject mentioned to his wife that he had an appointment with MARY KAUFMAN the following day and asked her to drop off some money for DANNY RUBIN's wife then. He said that RUBIN has gone out of town on business.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject spoke to his wife about BURT NELSON, Washington State CP Chairman and commented that he is a "strange case". He said that NELSON never got over what happened to his son and that his condition is worse than that of HOMER (CHASE).

The subject then spoke about Party Affairs, which he said had been made a personal project by HY LUMER. He said that WILL WEINSTONE, BETTY GANNETT and himself had a meeting concerning the paper and that they had agreed they would like to bring it out five times a year, roughly in March, May, September, and November. He said they would like to handle it as a Party bulletin expressing what goes on in clubs. The idea is to make it a real organizational bulletin with limited educational material. He said right now there is an issue at the printers which they would like to "scuttle" and prepare a new one for May. He said they will do this unless HY raises too much of a fuss.

The subject continued that the paper does not need articles by HY which contain such educational material. He said for example, the March issue should contain a page on May Day

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and other organizational articles on how a club Chairman and club Secretary act. A bulletin such as this would serve a real purpose. BART said that they intend to present this idea of a committee of three for consideration but that LUMER will probably believe it a personal affront and attack on him.

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted JIM JACKSON and asked how he was feeling. JACKSON said that he had had an attack of pneumonia but was feeling much better. Subject filled JACKSON in on the recent activities at the office and said that GUS HALL had left town the previous day for three weeks but would return about the latter part of April.

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife intended to leave the following day for a two day holiday weekend in the country.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (64-200-221)

DATE: 4/3./61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-25068)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY OF MEXICO
IS-MEXICO

EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HANDLING OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE INFORMATION REFERRED TO HAS NOT BEEN AS YET DELIVERED TO THE INTENDED RECIPIENT AND THEREFORE, IF REVEALED, WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY IDENTIFY THIS SOURCE.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 4 copies of an informant statement dated March 28, 1961, containing information orally furnished on March 28, 1961 by CG 5824-S* who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SAs RICHARD W. HANSEN and JERRY H. BREIDENFELD. This information was reduced to writing on March 31, 1961.

Extra copies of the informant statement and this cover letter are being furnished to the Bureau for possible dissemination of the information to the Legat, Mexico City.

There is also being furnished to the Bureau, two photostats of the message to be delivered to the CP of Mexico and two photostats of the letter addressed to President ADOLFO LOPEZ MATEOS of Mexico, also referred to herein. The original of these items were furnished by the source on March 28, 1961 and returned to him on March 30, 1961, however, one photostat has been retained by Chicago and made an exhibit in 100-25068-1A4. In regard to the names appearing in the enclosed photostat of the letter addressed to President MATEOS, no action regarding indexing or dissemination has been taken by Chicago. Any action in regarding to indexing or dissemination is being left to the discretion of the Bureau or New York.

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① - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)

1 - 100-86624 (CP, USA, International Relations) (Encls.2)

1 - 100- (CP of Mexico)

1 - 100-93572 ("National Guardian")

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March 28, 1961

During late March, 1961, it was learned that PHIL BART, Organizational Secretary, Communist Party (CP), USA; desired to secure information relating to the recent mass arrests by the Mexican Government of persons on a charge of "social dissolution". Among those who had been arrested and imprisoned on this charge is the Mexican CP figure DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS.

Because of BART's interest in this matter, he prepared a message which he desired be transmitted to the CP of Mexico. The verbatim contents of this message is as follows:

"I would like to get an answer to all or as many of the following questions as you have information on:

- 1) How many people are in jail?
How many men?
How many women?
- 2) How long have they been in and what charges are they facing?
What sentences, if convicted?
- 3) How many have families?
Size of family?
Do they have any means of support?
Would like to know if the support are for particular families.
Where would any relief funds be sent to?
Would like to have any material on the cases. We will get them translated here.
Any other matter that you think will be of help to a committee here."

In addition, BART also desired that the CP of Mexico be furnished a copy of a letter which had been signed by numerous individuals on behalf of SIQUEIROS to President ADOLFO LOPEZ MATEOS. BART felt that this letter should be furnished to the CP of Mexico so that they would be cognizant that it had been sent in connection with the efforts to secure the release of SIQUEIROS. The verbatim contents of this letter is set forth below:

"Sr. Adolfo Lopez Mateos
President of Mexico
Mexico D.F. Mexico

Sir:

On behalf of the celebrated artist, David Alfaro Siqueiros, imprisoned by the Mexican Government since early August on a charge of "social dissolution":

We a group of artists, writers and musicians, respectfully urge that the indictment be set aside in order that Siqueiros may continue to practice the craft which has brought him world recognition and which has brought glory to Mexico.

Siqueiros is at an age when prolonged imprisonment might destroy him.

One may or may not agree with the political views of Siqueiros, but there is no denying that his identity as an artist evolves directly from the social views he holds.

The fate of Siqueiros is the legitimate concern of all of us.

Indeed, the matter rises above politics and government. Nations do not produce great artists at will. Their rise is a mystery - God-given, according to some. Consequently, we feel it must not be within the scope of governments to dispose of them. They belong to the world.

Yours very truly

Signed:

[Redacted signature block]

Van Wyck Brooks

[Redacted signature block]

W.E.B. DUBOIS

[Redacted signature block]

Maxwell Gordon

[Redacted signature block]

Jack Levine

Shirley Graham

[Redacted signature block]

Corliss Lamont

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As of this date, none of the above mentioned items have been furnished to the CP of Mexico.

In connection with the above group of individuals who appeared as signers of the letter sent to the President of Mexico, it has been learned that these same individuals plan, in the near future, to place a full page advertisement in regard to this matter in the "National Guardian". To date, they have not adopted a name for the organization but it is anticipated that they will move in that direction in the near future.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-88)

DATE: 4-3-61

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33728)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HANDLING AND REPORTING OF ANY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. IF NECESSARY TO SET FORTH ANY OF THIS INFORMATION IN A REPORT, IT SHOULD BE PARAPHRASED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT NEITHER THE INFORMANT NOR THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION CAN BE IDENTIFIED. IT MUST BE BORNE IN MIND THAT ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS EXTREMELY LIMITED AND THAT IF REVEALED IT COULD READILY IDENTIFY THIS MOST HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE.

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6 - New York (Encls. 5) (RM)
① - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
1 - 100-23825 (BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.)
1 - 100-84994 (GUS HALL)
1 - 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
1 - 100-87211 (CP, USA - FACTIONALISM)
1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
12 - Seattle (Encls. 10) (RM)
1 - 100- (FNU, LNU, longshoreman, member of Whatcom-Skagit County Committee)
1 - 100- (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
1 - 100- (FNU LARSEN)
1 - 100- (C. VAN LYDEGRAF)
1 - 100-127 (BURT NELSON)
1 - 100- (PAULE LNU)
1 - 100- (MILFORD SUTHERLAND)
1 - 100- (W. WALLACE)
1 - 100-
1 - 100- (CP, WASHINGTON STATE DIST. - FACTIONALISM)
1 - 100- (CP, WASHINGTON STATE DIST. - FUNDS)
1 - 100- (CP, WASHINGTON STATE DIST. - ORGANIZATION)

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of an informant statement dated March 28, 1961, containing information orally furnished on March 28, 1961, by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SAs RICHARD W. HANSEN and JERRY H. BREIDENFELD. This information was reduced to writing on March 31, 1961.

Copies of the memorandum and letters referred to in the enclosed informant statement were furnished by the source on March 28, 1961, and photostated by the Chicago Office. Two photostats of each of these items are also being enclosed herewith for the Bureau and the Seattle Office. One copy of each of these items is being furnished to New York. One photostat of each of these items has been retained by the Chicago Office and has been made an exhibit in Chicago file 100-33728-1A16.

The originals of all of these items were returned to the source on March 30, 1961.

March 28, 1961

It is to be recalled that during March, 1961, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), has been on an extended tour and has spent considerable time in the Washington State District of the CP. While in the State of Washington, FLYNN has been devoting considerable time in looking into the "Washington State mess". In regard to the "Washington State mess", she has transmitted to PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary, CP, USA, for submission to GUS HALL, General Secretary, CP, USA, the following message which was made available by PHIL BART during late March, 1961.

"March 22, 1961
Seattle

"Dear Phil: (BART)

"Please consider enclosed as a first installment memo only - on the TV issue facts. I will send more on other matters but want to get this much on paper while it is fresh in my mind. This is a complicated mess and I will refrain from any recommendations until I get all through. I told them here I am reporting the picture to the N.O. for action there, not by me here. They'd like to pin me down.

"I'm sure you realize that report they sent in Jan. to Gus (HALL) is a lot of traddle. I'll deal with that next. I already criticized it here to Milf (SUTHERLAND) - the author. A beautiful example of saying nothing in a lot of words and avoiding the issue.

"I'll put it all in a brief report form at the end. These are confidential memos only for Gus' information primarily. Wish I had another address to send my love letters to - How about it?

"E"

The "first installment memo" referred to above by FLYNN has also been made available by PHIL BART and its verbatim contents are as follows:

"Memo: - On the matter of the 3 letters to the N.O.

"Before leaving N.Y.C. on March 15th, for Seattle, Phil (BART) showed me these letters from the N.W. as follows: - 1) July 19, 1960 - signed by L. (C. VAN LYDENGRAF) and W. (W. WALLACE) of Bellingham, both members of the state committee but not sent to the N.O. until Sept 15th, at the request of the state officers. 2) letter of Sept 15th, 1960. Both of these letters urged the Secretariat to intervene in settling problems in Wash. state. 3) letter (unsigned) but from L. W. of Bellingham, setting forth his specific grievance against B.N. (BURT NELSON) as Chairman of the party. Letters are herewith returned. This matter came first before the Dist. Com. in Jan 1960, was referred to the State Board, which set up a special sub-committee of three - Milf (MILFORD SUTHERLAND) and two others, to investigate. It reported in July, 1960. This committee addressed a four page report to Gus H. (HALL) on January 12, 1961, endorsed by the State Board. I read this in Seattle and expressed forthwith my reaction to Milf that it does not deal sufficiently with the problem set forth in the three letters to the N.O. but departs into a lengthy exhortation on criticism and self criticism. It was of little help to me, without the supplementary explanation he and others offered, which should have been in the report. It cannot be correctly described as 'an extensive report', as the committee later stated. B.N. said to me that he realized he had made a serious mistake in relation to the T.V. station. All agreed to this. It would be hard for anyone to justify what happened here. But I do not think that this admission alone should be blown up into a great victory for self criticism, as the report to Gus does, since there are many other factors involved. I went to Bellingham with Milf on Tuesday March 21 - and remained over Wed. No meeting had been planned there but one was quickly arranged on Wed. with 30 people present; 7 more from Vancouver B.C. On Tuesday night I met with L. and W. and Paule and later with L.W. when he finished work. Another local comrade, an elderly longshoreman, member of the Whatcom-Skagit County Committee, was present also. I listened to everything they had to say, some of which goes back two years to differences between them and the state leadership - involving state legislative issues; preparations for the National Convention; feelings that they are not consulted, that they were not invited to the Board when the T.V. situation was discussed; that the State Committee does not meet often enough; that there is no Labor Commission; that the woman's commission does not meet; that they were kept from communicating with the N.O., that B.N. never comes there since the T.V. fiasco; rumors that

they heard of his conduct at the convention, and quite a host of grievances, large and small. However I tried to concentrate on the T.V. issue, the subject of their letters, as it seems a real sore spot. They complained that this matter had not been taken up with Ben (DAVIS) when he was here last spring but apparently no one told him anything about it.

"It is hard to understand why this matter has dragged so long and why the N.O. was not made aware of it by the State Committee, since it does involve the conduct of the Chairman of the district and a member of the N.C. It dates back to Aug. 1959. The statement made to me by the young man who invested the \$5,000 is as follows: - he was a party member at the time but he and his wife both left over this incident. However there is no dispute as to his long standing support of the party in the form of loans, bail funds, defense funds etc. The party has assumed the responsibility of repaying him the \$500 he loaned for the Smith Act appeal, and it is down to \$100 now. The \$500 loaned to the Bail Fund is unfortunately also a matter of grievance. Originally it was \$1000. At the solicitation of Van, then a state official, he donated \$500 of it but did not get a receipt for the balance due. Larsen was then in charge of the Bail Fund. There was considerable haggling and telling him he must wait till all others who have receipts, are paid off. But in my presence Milf said the party has demanded a report from the Bail Fund and will assume responsibility that he gets this \$500 back. But again the long delay is a source of aggravation. This man is a polio victim, is partially disabled and has a small business in Bellingham; his partner is bed ridden and apparently he is hard pressed financially. He stated that B. brought a man named [redacted] [reputedly an ex-party member and a promoter], from Oregon to see him. On the first visit he says he refused to invest, altho a glowing picture of 20% returns on TV stock, was presented. He was told it was not a party matter but that the party and all progressive causes would gain greatly by having such a station in the N.W. [as set forth in the sub-committee's report to Gus]. He says that B. and the station official came again and on the second visit he bought \$5000 worth of stock. He expressed his indignation of what he considers a disregard for him as a person that no one warned him when the thing blew up and his first inkling was when he read of it in the local paper. He and others are now suing in the state of Oregon and from the legal research it appears that they had no right to solicit in Wash; that no stock was issued or at least he never received any; that there were no records kept but apparently it

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was an insolvent venture at the time the company took his money and there is doubt if they ever got it because it appears that [] used this \$5,000 to pay himself what the company owed him and pulled out before the company went into bankruptcy. While it is undoubtedly true that B. told him that he would have to judge of the business prospects etc. for himself - nevertheless it is doubtful if he would have heeded [] request if he had not been accompanied by the Chairman and the political advantages were stressed as a reason for him to invest. Apparently B. was enthusiastic about the station on the possibility of it not only helping us politically but financially and while at first he denied, he later admitted to the sub-committee, that he had hoped to get a salaried position with the station. It is not entirely clear the extent to which this whole matter is generally known among the members outside of Bellingham, altho the statement to Gus says it was endorsed unanimously by the State Board. The men apparently did not press it in the party beyond his own communication to us in the N.O. His use of the word 'fraud' applied to the station, he says, and not to the party. He is hoping to get back \$2,500 from the suit in Oregon. He said to me he felt worse about losing confidence in the party than losing the money. He and the Bellingham comrades do feel that B. should be removed from his post and they are likely to bring it up at the next D.C. meeting, in April. It would be good if Gus could come here at that time, to help resolve this matter. It is inexcusable it has been allowed to drag so long and that it has become such a sore spot. But it cannot be swept under the rug, as I feel the sub-committee report tends to do. Nor will it be settled by condemning the Bellingham comrades as 'subjective' while finding excuses for B. in the matter.

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"In my next installment I will deal with the report sent to Gus - as I see it now from here."

In addition, PHIL BART also made available the three letter referred to in the above memorandum of FLYNN which are as follows:

Letter of July 19, 1960

"2926 Cherrywood Avenue
Bellingham, Washington
July 19, 1960

"Dear Comrades:

"For well over six months we have been making every effort to bring about a correction in some very serious problems in the State Organization.

"For the past few months we have urged our state officers to take up these matters with the national officers.

"It is not possible to go into detail in a letter. It should be sufficient to say that questions of collective work, discipline, and unity are involved. The refusal of the state to act on these questions in a timely manner has created a potential crisis of alarming proportions, disrupting all of our work and now threatening our press.

"We urged and expected that these problems would be taken up with Ben (DAVIS) when he was here. This was not done.

"In our opinion the active assistance on the spot of either Ben or Gus (HALL) is urgently required if we are to avoid the most serious consequences.

"Any further delay will only worsen the situation.

"We have every determination to resolve this problem, in the proper spirit, however it has reached the point where there is no assurance that without help things will not get completely out of control.

"Yours,

C. Van Lydegraf
W. Wallace

Members of State
Committee of
Washington"

Letter of September 15, 1960

"2926 Cherrywood Avenue
Bellingham, Washington
September 15, 1960

"Dear Gus (HALL) and Ben (DAVIS):

"About two months ago we wrote the enclosed letter. We were persuaded not to mail it by one of our State officers who expressed very strong feelings that we should not do so.

"Meanwhile some beginnings have been made at the State level, some six weeks ago, but not followed up. We understand that you have not yet been informed on this, although a decision was made to take this up at the national level.

"It is our feeling that this matter having been already delayed since the first of the year, further delay will only make things even more difficult. For this reason we are now forwarding the letter.

"Comradely yours,

Whatcom-Skagit County
Committee CP
by W. W."

Unsigned letter dated
October 7, 1960

"October 7, 1960

"National Secretariat
C.P.U.S.A.

"It is with reluctance I convey to you the following information:

"Over 2 years ago, I loaned the State C. P. \$150.00.

"Before the State Smith Act cases indictment I loaned \$500.00.

"For the Smith Act appeal - \$500.00.

"Thru the persuasion of the State leader who serves also as a member of the National Committee, I loaned \$5,000.00 to purchase stock in a venture the C. P. wanted to succeed. The \$5,000.00 was never used to buy stock. There is no doubt that fraud has been committed.

"The loans were to be paid back on demand.

"I have made registered mail and oral requests for reimbursement. No results.

"Increased expenses and financial reverses have made urgent my need for the money.

"I believe I have told you enough to raise many questions about our State C. P. I am not interested in causing a disturbance, creating more problems, or opportunism.

"I am requesting a communication from you to acknowledge receipt of this letter and to inform me that you are taking some action. I am willing to set down with your National Committee representative.

"I can be reached thru the leadership of the Bellingham, Washington organization.

"Respectfully yours"

In connection with the above letter of FLYNN dated March 22, 1960, and its enclosed memorandum, GUS HALL expressed considerable indignation over the fact that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN would have discussed these matters in such open form and transmitted them by regular mail to PHIL BART.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: 4-3-61

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Re New York airtel, 3/28/61, to Director and captioned as above.

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On March 28, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SAs RICHARD W. HANSEN and JERRY H. BREIDENFELD a two page item entitled "Meeting of the National Control Com. - Friday, March 24, 1961". This item constitutes the official minutes of the meeting referred to. This item

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 2) (RM)
 - 1 - 100-3-88 (CP, USA - FACTIONALISM)
- 4 - Boston (RM)
 - 1 - 100-775 (HOMER BATES CHASE)
 - 1 - 100-568 (OTIS HOOD)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT - FACTIONALISM)
 - 1 - 100-20779 (CP, NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT - ORGANIZATION)
- 1 - Detroit (RM) (100-13740) (HELEN WINTER)
- 1 - Los Angeles (RM) (100-4486) (DOROTHY HEALEY)
- 2 - Newark (RM)
 - 1 - 100-19491 (PATRICK TOOHEY)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, NEW JERSEY DISTRICT - FACTIONALISM)
- 13 - New York (Encls. 2) (RM) *100-56579-5468*
 - 1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
 - 1 - 100-7658 (LEMUAL HARRIS)

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- 1 - 100-21421 (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG)
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- 1 - 100-9595 (WILLIAM WEINSTONE)
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- 1 - 100-81333 (CP, USA - SECURITY MEASURES)

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was photostated by the Chicago Office and returned to the source on March 30, 1961. Two photostats of this item are being enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New York. One photostat has been retained by the Chicago Office and made an exhibit in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3 (187).

Set forth below is the verbatim contents of this item. The information appearing in parentheses was supplied by the source on March 28, 1961. This information supplements the oral report previously furnished by the source on this matter to the New York Office and appearing in enclosed letterhead memorandum to referenced New York airtel.

"Meeting of the National Control Com. - Friday, March 24, 1961.

"Present: Morris (CHILDS), W.W. (WILLIAM WEINSTONE), Trachty (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG), Tom Nabried, Patterson (WILLIAM PATTERSON). Phil Bart also was present.

"The comrades absent had legitimate reasons. Except for Lem (HARRIS), they were from outside the city and could not make it in time.

"The Committee approved the recommendation that Morris be the chairman and that Helen (WINTER) be the secretary.

"It was further decided that in view of the fact that some of the comrades are not in New York, that we have a co-chairman and a co-secretary. Tom Nabried was elected as co-chairman to act in the absence of Morris, and Lena (SCHERER) to act as co-secretary in the absence of Helen.

"The Committee decided also to divide itself into two commissions:

- "1) - Review, Appeals and Audit.
- 2) - A Cadre Commission.

"It was also considered desirable to have a special Audit Committee of three members of the Control Committee, but in view of the fact that comrades will be busy with many problems, it was decided that the Review and Appeals Com. designate 3 comrades to act as an Audit Committee for the time being.

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"Review and Appeals Com.: Tom Nabried, Morris, Trachty, Patterson, Lem and Lena.

"Cadre Com.: Morris, Tom Nabried, Will Weinstone, Helen Winter, Jack Kling.

"The Committee also decided to set up archives not to be publicly talked about and had a discussion on the importance of ideology, Party loyalty, discipline and vigilance against the class enemy.

"It was further decided to urge all districts that can to set up local Review, Appeals and Audit Commissions, even if small ones at the beginning. Such commissions would facilitate the work of the Party and would be in keeping with the constitutional provision of appeal from lower to higher bodies. Every important district is confronted with some problems in the sphere of review, appeals and audit, as well as discipline.

"It was also decided to study our present Party Constitution and offer suggestions to the Constitutional Commission of the N.E.C. in the preparation of the new Constitution, particularly as it relates to appeals and discipline.

"The Committee had before it the following business to transact:

"1. Investigate the group that calls itself 'the CP of New Jersey.' Comrade Patterson was selected to head this investigation. He is to receive the cooperation of Comrades Bill Albertson, Pat Toohey and may call upon other to help out.

"2. Re Cuba, Jake Rosen et al: Lena, Tom Nabried, Trachty are to handle this. They are to call upon Irving Potash and Lou Weinstock to help them in the investigation and the review of this case and the personalities involved.

"3. The third case taken up was that of Homer Chase. The Committee was informed that Homer Chase and the New England district have been informed of the January N.C. decision. We were informed that Homer Chase has not yet replied.

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"We were also informed that the Industrial Club of Boston adopted a motion condemning Otis Hood for 'the murder of Lumumba.' The Control Committee voted to ask to see a copy of this motion, also to ask the New England District Committee what has happened regarding the Homer Chase decision of the National Committee.

"4. Morris is to find out from the sub-committee that had a discussion with Dorothy Healey regarding her statement, if there is any, or what their opinion is.

"All subcommittees will report to the full meeting of the Control Committee. These commissions can function in the interim. Whenever a majority of the Committee is in New York, the Committee will listen to reports, but regular dates were set for the committee. The full committee is to meet every six weeks to two months. Contact will be retained with the members of this committee through the national and the resident secretary.

"It was the opinion of the Committee that in the near future we will need a technical secretary in order to relieve the secretary of the big burden of paper work that is already accumulating.

"Meeting adjourned."

In connection with the above, the following is being set forth.

In relation to point 1, page 1 of minutes, information in regard to "the CP of New Jersey" was furnished to the Bureau and interested offices by Chicago letter to Director dated February 10, 1961, captioned "Advance, an Organization of Progressive Youth, IS - C".

In relation to point 2, page 1, relating to the matter of "Re Cuba, Jake Rosen et al", additional information was previously furnished to the Bureau and interested offices by Chicago letter to Director dated March 8, 1961, and captioned "CP, USA - FACTIONALISM, IS - C".

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In connection with point 3, page 1, the matter of the "January N.C. decision" regarding HOMER CHASE, relates to the National Committee meeting, CP, USA, January 20-22, 1961, and the action thereof which resulted in a six months suspension for BATES and his removal from the National Committee.

In connection with point 4, page 2, information as to the nature and purpose of this subcommittee was previously furnished to the Bureau and interested offices by Chicago letter to Director dated March 21, 1961, captioned "CP, USA - FACTIONALISM, IS - C".

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: 4-3-61

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

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On March 28, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished to SAs RICHARD W. HANSEN and JERRY H. BREIDENFELD a handwritten letter prepared by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), dated March 24, 1961, and appearing on the letterhead

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 - ① - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
 - 1 - 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
 - 1 - 100-84994 (GUS HALL)
 - 1 - 100-87211 (CP, USA - FACTIONALISM)
 - 1 - 100-86624 (CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
 - 1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
- 2 - Pittsburgh (RM)
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stationery of the Stratford Hotel, Seattle. This item was photostated by the Chicago Office and the original returned to the source on March 30, 1961. Two photostats of this letter are being enclosed herewith for the Bureau and one photostat is being furnished to New York and Seattle. In addition, there is also being furnished to the Bureau and New York, one copy of the letter written by ISABELE ALLEN and which is referred to in the above noted letter of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN. One photostat of each of these items has been retained by Chicago and has been made an exhibit in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3 (89).

Set forth below is the verbatim contents of the above noted letter of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN with the exception of minor deletions of personal comments made by FLYNN. The parenthetical notations appearing therein were supplied by the source on March 28, 1961.

"Friday
March 24, 1961

"Dear

"Your nice letter with interesting clipping, arrived and was very welcome. When one is far from home, such letters are very nice to receive, especially from our best friends. Those back East in NYC will never win prizes as letter writers - tho I had St. Pat cards from Ann (BURLAK) in Boston; George (MEYERS) and his wife and several others. I had a language student read me the clip at a youth meeting last night.

"Had a letter from Phil (BART) who said I had greetings there from Mongolia and Bulgaria. Imagine! I hope I hear from Gheorghe (GHEORGHE GHEORGHU - DEJ., First Secretary, Rumanian Workers Party) - altho I guess he's very busy in his new government post. Did you read of it?

"Had the enclosed letter from Isabele (ALLEN). Forward to Helen (WINTER), she'll be interested.

"I spent two days in Bellingham, looking into the matters they wrote to Gus (HALL) about. It's a messy situation too long delayed, and a strange attitude prevailed here on the

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part of the State to keep the N.O. out of it. If I had not come here their 'report' to Gus would be inexplicable. It does not deal with the real issues at all. I have sent one memo to Phil for Gus and will send further with some recommendations later, when I finish here. The Chairman (BURT NELSON) is very mild and lets me deal with others almost completely. I have had meetings now in Tacoma, Olympia, Port Angeles, Bellingham, with 7 Canadians there from Vancouver B.C. and tonight meeting will be here. Also a board meeting, a special meeting with the signers of the 3 letters to the N.O. in Bellingham and a youth group. Not too bad. All good gatherings. I leave tomorrow for Portland, for four days. Address me c/o Mickey (LIMA) from now on - or if you prefer c/o Peggy (DENNIS). If to her - enclose it. I am not surprised at what you say about his report in S.F. We made a mistake not to insist with Gus on a meeting of the whole group and an evaluation jointly, instead of him talking to each one separately. I hope they know the plans for Calif. Dorothy (HEALEY) phoned yesterday that they have changed their May Day meeting to May 5th. Maybe I'll have time off there to work on my present mess. Now would be a good time to get it out.

"A possible solution here for the health (BURT NELSON's) angle, which enters largely into the picture, would be a trip for treatment. It's like a case of shell shock. What do you think? His wife jumped all over me as to how Mickey came to go and not her husband. The guy needs care of some sort, that's evident. More later.

"Your friend E -"

Set forth below is the verbatim contents of the letter from ISABELE ALLEN to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN referred to as an enclosure in the above letter.

"March 14, 1961

"Dearest Elizabeth -

"I tried to get you on the phone with no success and then I succumbed to the flu I picked up in Europe with laryngitis so I couldn't talk. I am so very sorry we could not get together as it would have been good to see you and congratulate you on

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your great honor and tell you of all the myriad of people who send their love and greetings to you from everywhere. You are held in universal esteem and affection and I was very proud to be associated with you.

"My trip proved to be not only a confirmation of all I had read. It was immeasurably more than that. Circumscribed as we are I had no idea of the enormous strength and power of the socialist countries. I knew they had great resources but I never realized at how fast a pace these were being developed. Today there exists not only the irresistible idea of socialism but the equally irresistible and impregnable strength and power of the socialist states. We worked hard at seeing as much as we could and at the same time requesting and examining the facts and figures and talking to the 'little' people involved. The problems were also frankly placed before us. With all this in mind the overwhelming impression and conclusion can only be the almost dizzying rate of progress. Now I can see why it is possible to relax in certain areas for now there is no question about the material improvement of life and the ability to defend the socialist states. So we were intrigued and delighted everywhere with the various approaches to building 'the new man (and woman)' in preparation for Communism.

"I found it a great and awesome privilege to be present, even as an observer, and see the living reality of a great historic change taking place before my eyes, not only in one country but in a number of countries.

"Incidentally, and this is not incidental at all - it is fundamental!; I learned by my own observation of the immeasurably greater sacrifices that the people of the S.U. are making. I could see that they could be quite well off in American terms if they were not giving so much to the raising of the productive level of the other Socialist countries and of the underdeveloped countries. What they are giving is beyond belief! I respect and honor them for their continuing sacrifices 40 years after.

"I am also grateful to my father that 37 years ago he opened my eyes to the grandeur and beauty and necessity of a great idea. As you said, it is damn hard to adjust, but it has to be done. Have a good stay and take care of yourself - I am looking forward to May.

"Love - Isabele Allen"